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Helena, Montana

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Honorable J. Hugo Aronson
Governor of Montana
Helena, Montana

Dear Governor Aronson:

This twenty-second annual report of employment security in Montana, submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 87-120 and 87-122, Revised Codes of Montana, 1947, contains the story of employment and unemployment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958.

Since full employment is the essential element in our national economy, the first and greatest service that can be provided by this agency is to assist an unemployed worker to find suitable and gainful employment. If such employment is immediately lacking, then the second important service provided the unemployed worker who qualifies is the payment of unemployment compensation benefits. Joined together under the Unemployment Compensation Commission, the Unemployment Insurance Division and the Employment Service Division establish a system of employment security that has met the challenge of the changing times, and proven its value as a stabilizing factor in the economy of the State and the Nation.

Activities of the Unemployment Compensation Commission are summarized in narrative form accompanied by a statistical supplement. The statistical tables in the report have been carefully selected to provide maximum information in condensed form but cannot in any great measure tell the real human interest story of employment security in action. The real story is found in the day to day operations of the Commission and its twenty-two local employment service offices whose activities daily touch the lives of thousands of Montana workers and employers.

Respectfully submitted,

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DECLARATION OF STATE PUBLIC POLICY

The following statement of policy constitutes the introductory paragraph of the Montana Unemployment Compensation Law.

87-102. As a guide to the interpretation and application of this act, the public policy of this state is declared to be as follows: Economic insecurity due to unemployment is a serious menace to the health, morals, and welfare of the people of this state. Involuntary unemployment is therefore a subject of general interest and concern which requires appropriate action by the legislature to prevent its spread and to lighten its burden which now so often falls with crushing force upon the unemployed worker and his family. The achievement of social security requires protection against this greatest hazard of our economic life. This can be provided by encouraging employers to provide more stable employment and by the systematic accumulation of funds during periods of employment to provide benefits for periods of unemployment, thus maintaining purchasing power and limiting the serious social consequences of poor relief assistance. The legislature, therefore, declares that in its considered judgment the public good, and the general welfare of the citizens of this state require the enactment of this measure under the police powers of the state for the compulsory setting aside of unemployment reserves to be used for the benefit of persons unemployed through no fault of their own.

FOREWORD

The Unemployment Compensation Law of Montana has been in effect since March 16, 1937 and benefits have been payable since July 1, 1939. Since then, through good times and bad, the Unemployment Compensation Commission has filled an increasingly important role in the economy of the State of Montana, and by the end of last year faced one of the largest work loads in its 21-year history. As the volume of employment receded and unemployment rose, the Commission's twin functions—job finding assistance and jobless benefit payments—served to help cushion the impact of the economic decline.

Jobs in the metal mining industry were hardest hit as a declining tendency in employment totals during the entire fiscal year left its scars on Montana's employment picture. Although the metal mining situation took some of the steam out of Montana's upward employment growth and erased some employment gains, nevertheless as seen over the entire year, the State's economy flourished with stability and growth of other major industrial groups. As 1958 ended, the direction of Montana's employment picture again started to point upward as improvement in demand and price of copper brought the recall of hundreds of workers to full time employment in the metal mining industry.

The Commission's operations closely reflected these earlier developments—the number of jobseekers increased, job placements lessened, and claims for unemployment compensation benefits increased substantially from the previous fiscal year.

In addition to reviewing, through both narrative and statistical data, the story of employment security operations in Montana during the fiscal year just ended, this report also points out benchmarks of previous years as a gauge to significance of trends and developments.

HIGHLIGHTS

	Fiscal 1958	Fiscal 1957
New Jobseekers Registered:		
Total	52,927	46,583
Veterans	16,560	15,231
Female	15,208	12,755
Physically Handicapped	3,521	3,129
Job Placements:		
Total	57,916	59,688
Non-Agricultural	25,988	30,136
Agricultural	31,928	29,552
Veterans	17,335	19,387
Female	9,181	8,835
Physically Handicapped	3,133	*
Unemployment Claims Received:		
Initial Claims—Montana	37,433	26,323
Continued Claims—Montana	465,607	240,022
Veterans	15,858	10,707
Federal Employees	16,634	9,312
Interstate as Liable State.....	68,620	31,073
Interstate as Agent State.....	29,895	19,716
Unemployment Payments Made:		
Number—Montana	449,677	211,397
Amount—Montana	\$12,467,825	\$ 5,279,622
Veterans**	\$ 319,783	\$ 235,169
Federal Employees**	\$ 436,421	\$ 226,825
Net Taxes Paid By Employers:	\$ 3,691,710	\$ 4,125,312
Unemployment Reserves June 30	\$36,335,940	\$43,718,898
Unemployment Compensation Coverage:		
Average Liable Employers.....	14,815	16,251
Average Employment	109,069	115,899

*Not Separately Accounted for.

**Claims Paid Entirely from Federal Funds.

THE MONTANA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

The fiscal year July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958 was a composite one of employment and unemployment. During the closing months of 1957 the long arm of a nationwide economic slowdown had reached into Montana and left its marks on the State's employment picture. The number of job-seekers increased faster than the number of jobs. As 1957 ended, the Montana economy was in good condition, but the rate of employment gain was slowed, reflecting both national conditions and the changing metal market picture in this State. Certain economic changes in Montana reduced employment totals in some industries, and although this reduction was not as extensive as those in some other areas of the nation, nevertheless this tended to temporarily obscure an otherwise growing employment pattern. One element of the State's economy, metal mining, was largely responsible, both directly and indirectly, for more than half of the decline in employment totals from the previous fiscal year. Despite losses in metal mining employment throughout the fiscal year, stability and growth of other major industrial groups were maintained.

Any understanding of employment and unemployment in Montana must be preceded by an analysis of seasonal patterns. Employment in the State is characterized by extreme seasonality due to the rather severe winters which drastically cut into such activities as lumbering and construction and due also to the nature of other industries such as agriculture, trade and service, and food processing which have fluctuating demands for workers. The pattern of employment during the fiscal year held closely to climatic circumstances experienced annually and followed the trend of other years. August marked the highest level of employed wage earners, with progressive month to month declines until the seasonal low was reached in February. The Montana State Employment Service endeavored to meet the changing patterns of the State's labor market picture by adjusting its program of services to the jobseeker, the employer, labor unions, community groups, and governmental agencies as the situation demanded from month to month.

In recent years the local office of the Montana State Employment Service has established itself as a recognized community center. Like the courthouse, the city hall and the post office, it is fulfilling a specific function: to solve the wide variety of problems that have to do with employment. To bring together the worker seeking employment and the employer seeking workers, the Unemployment Compensation Commission operated twenty-two full time public employment offices strategically located throughout the State during the fiscal year. In addition, where the volume of employment security traffic was considerable in outlying towns, and where a hardship existed for many workers to travel great distances to the nearest local office, arrangements were made

for an interviewer from a local office to establish a temporary office in that area. Under this arrangement, a sub-office of the Kalispell local office was located at Libby. The State's employment service was geared to meet the needs of workers, employers, and the community through the process of application taking, testing, counseling, employer orders, job placement, and the clearance of labor from one area to another. The Employment Service also operated a Teacher Placement Service, and supervised programs providing special services to veterans, older workers, and the physically handicapped.

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PLACEMENT OF THE JOBSEEKER

New Applications: Approximately 53,000 individuals seeking job information contacted the twenty-three local offices of the Montana State Employment Service during the fiscal year. Employment Service personnel interviewed, registered and classified occupationally, 52,927 new applicants for work, 16,560 of them veterans and 15,208 female applicants. Each month of the year an average of 15,207 workers were available for employment in the active files of the Employment Service offices.

Nonagricultural Placements: Job orders received from employers resulted in the placement and acceptance of 25,988 non-agricultural workers during the fiscal year. This was an expected decrease from the previous fiscal year due primarily to the situation in metal mining. More placements were made in trade than in any other industry, a total of 7,974, followed by 4,027 in construction, 3,641 in service, 2,893 in private households, 2,600 in public utilities, railroads and other, 2,526 in manufacturing, 1,110 in government, 544 in finance, insurance and real estate, 540 in mining (down approximately 1,000 from the prior fiscal year), and 133 in forestry and fishing.

Agricultural Placements: The Farm Placement Section of the Montana State Employment Service makes available to agricultural employers and farm workers services similar to those offered to non-agricultural employers and workers. The primary objective is to provide sufficient workers at the right time and at the right place to produce, harvest, and process crops grown in the state, and to locate jobs for all agricultural workers who applied for employment. During the fiscal year a total of 31,928 workers were placed in a variety of agricultural activities, 2,400 more than in the previous year. Each year, because of the seasonal demands created by the agricultural industry, the Montana State Employment Service is faced with the necessity of recruiting thousands of seasonal workers as well as cer-

tifying to the use of some Mexican Nationals so that the harvesting of crops will be completed without loss. It is the policy of the Montana State Employment Service to offer employment first to all local workers who are willing to accept this type of work before initiating efforts to recruit foreign workers.

Employment Counseling: Many job applicants have problems of vocational choice or adjustment. Employment counseling is offered to this special group of applicants in the form of a vocational guidance or job counseling service. It makes the local employment office a central place in the community where an individual, who is not "occupationally set" or believes he may need help in developing a realistic long range vocational plan, can apply for information and technical assistance. Types of workers for whom employment counseling is indicated include new entrants to the labor market, physically limited workers, youth, older workers, returning veterans, and workers displaced due to automation. During the fiscal year employment service offices conducted 6,529 counseling interviews, amounting to approximately 8 per cent of the new jobseekers registered.

Testing: Important tools used in the counseling process and the selective placement and regular placement programs in all local employment service offices include the use of both aptitude and trade tests. To measure capacity for learning various jobs, work applicants are given a combination of tests called the General Aptitude Test Battery. To measure a worker's ability in learning to perform various specialized jobs, specific aptitude tests are used. The Employment Service also gives proficiency tests, including tests for typing and shorthand, to measure an applicant's skill and knowledge in these fields. The increasing use of occupational tests in the selection of qualified applicants has convinced employers that pretested applicants are more qualified to meet specific job requirements. During the year the Employment Service offices gave 2,715 General Aptitude Tests, 2,136 Specific Aptitude Tests, and 2,254 Proficiency Tests.

Teacher Placement Service: Since 1948 the Commission has maintained a Teacher Placement Service which provides a statewide service to teachers seeking employment commensurate with their training, experience and special abilities. This service is designed to facilitate contracting by school officials and administrators by recruiting, selecting and referring the best qualified persons available to fill specific teaching needs and to encourage and promote interest in the teaching profession.

School administrators and college placement bureaus are familiar with this special service at both state office and local office levels. The teacher placement section operates on a slightly different pattern from that followed by the local office in that regis-

trations and job openings are collected into one file for the entire state instead of being distributed on a geographic basis determined by the locality of the job, and residence of the applicant. Teacher applications for placement and job openings located by the local offices are relayed to the teacher placement section of the state office for incorporation in a statewide pool of applicants and job openings. Use of the teacher placement service by teacher applicants and school hiring authorities is optional. A total of 622 teachers and school administrators were placed in various schools throughout Montana and other states by this special service during the fiscal year.

Job Clearance: Clearance of job openings through all 22 offices of the Employment Service performs two important functions: it helps local employers find qualified workers outside the immediate area when they were not available locally, and it provides workers with reliable information about out-of-area jobs. In its search for workers, the local office first tries to recruit workers from within the community. If this fails, the necessary job information is forwarded to the Central Office in Helena where the information or job order is extended to other selected local offices by an individual clearance order, or is tabulated and recorded in the bi-weekly statewide "Inventory of Job Openings." This inventory is distributed to all local offices and to other states, thereby making it possible for an applicant from another local office area to fill the job opening, and at the same time provide the employer with a qualified worker. Through its affiliation with the United States Employment Service, the Montana State Employment Service can reach 1,800 local employment service offices located throughout the United States, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. Thus, any one individual employer has complete national employment service coverage in his search for qualified workers. During the fiscal year Montana local offices filled 1,367 industrial job openings through clearance procedures.

Special Service To Veterans: When Congress enacted the Wagner-Peyser Act in 1933, it established a veterans' Placement Service with a Veterans' Employment Representative assigned to each State Employment Service. Later the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (GI Bill of Rights) placed veterans' counseling and job placement in the hands of the State Employment Services. Today, the Veterans' Employment Service of the United States Employment Service provides a State Veterans' Employment Representative to work and cooperate with the Commission in effectively promoting and administering a program for the employment of wartime veterans, including the disabled.

Rising unemployment during the fiscal year included a proportionate share of veterans, and all local offices expanded their efforts to promote maxi-

imum job opportunities to veterans in the field of gainful employment. Increased attention was given disabled veterans to insure that first consideration was given them in referral to all job openings for which they were qualified and for which they were available. Since preferential service to Veterans is a legal responsibility of the Employment Service, priority in referral of the veteran to suitable job openings, counseling, labor market information, and information on veterans' rights and benefits is an everyday duty of all Employment Service personnel. A staff member of each local office is designated as a Veterans' Employment Representative to guarantee proper emphasis, scope, and accomplishment of the program of Special Service to Veterans. In addition to his work with veterans within the local office, the local Veterans' Employment Representative maintains close cooperation with the State Veterans Employment Representative, and with all local veterans' groups and agencies interested in the employment and the welfare of the veteran.

During the fiscal year local employment service offices registered 16,560 veterans, 1,345 of whom were disabled. A total of 1,997 veterans received employment counseling assisting them to solve their problems of job choice or job adjustment. There were 16,018 veterans selected and referred to various job openings throughout the state, resulting in job placements totalling 10,168, of which 738 were disabled veterans.

Service To The Handicapped: Handicapped workers who register at the Employment Service office also receive specialized assistance in obtaining employment. The Service to the Handicapped Program has as its legal basis the Wagner-Peyser Act of 1933, The Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1943, and the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, all of which delegate to the Employment Service, in varying degrees, the responsibility for the placement of handicapped workers. In 1945, by Act of the 79th Congress, "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week" was established for observance annually during the first calendar week of October. Primary responsibility for the proper observance of this week was placed on the Employment Service.

The 1954 amendments to the Vocational Rehabilitation Act and the Wagner-Peyser Act provide that special service to the Handicapped must be provided in every Employment Service office. The amendments further provide that the Department of Labor and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare shall cooperate with the President's Committee on the Employment of the Physically Handicapped, and with the various Governor's and local committees. The Montana State Employment Service was instrumental in establishing such committees throughout Montana.

Service to the Handicapped Counselors in local offices concentrate on matching the handicapped worker's remaining physical abilities with the job or jobs which require only activities in which he can

successfully engage. When placement is not immediately feasible, referrals are made to other agencies for medical, psychiatric, prosthetic, surgical, or training assistance. The Employment Service's Supervisor of Special Applicant Services evaluates and analyzes local office progress in this special program, and provides guidance and direction for improvement.

Basic to the final success of the Service to the Handicapped Program is the degree of understanding that employers have regarding handicapped workers and their success in employment. The acceptance of handicapped workers, by fellow workers and the public, is also needed if physically limited workers are to assume their rightful place in our economy.

During the year 3,521 persons having physical handicaps were registered for employment. Included in this group were 1,345 veterans. Special emphasis on service to the handicapped resulted in 1,496 such persons being placed in employment.

The Older Worker Program: With every passing day the older worker finds more and more doors closed to him in the competitive labor market. Who is the older worker? Experience provides this definition: the "older worker" applicant is anyone who is having difficulty finding employment because of age. Examples drawn from past employment service experience show that it could be a 30 year old secretary or a 42 year old electrician. Generally it is conceded that the worker over 45 meets the greatest employer resistance, and the older worker program is designed to: 1) provide special services for these applicants, such as job counseling and job development in order that they may have equal opportunity for employment and, 2) increase their employment opportunities by educating the public to select workers upon merit. This education program is presented through the newspapers, radio, and television, as well as through discussion and cooperation with employer groups, labor unions, and community organizations. During the fiscal year, 5,520 placements of workers over 45 years of age were made, many of which can be credited to the success of the Older Worker Program with cooperation from employers and interested community groups.

Employer Visiting Program: A personal visit to an employer at his place of business is one of the best means of determining his labor needs. It also provides personnel in the local offices with an opportunity to become better acquainted with the employer's place of business, his operations and the types of jobs available in his establishment. It enables the local office to make better selection and referral of qualified job applicants to meet the employer's needs. To accomplish these objectives, planned visits are made, on a scheduled basis, upon established employers in every community to the extent of the funds available for this purpose. In addition to personal visits, local offices use telephone calls, promotional letters, and radio broadcasts to develop

job openings and provide up to date labor market information.

During the fiscal year local office personnel made 11,666 personal visits and 19,416 promotional telephone calls to non-agricultural employers, and 5,685 personal farm visits plus numerous promotional agricultural telephone calls.

Labor Market Information: One of the most valuable by-products of Employment Service activities is labor market information gathered from a variety of sources, analyzed and distributed without charge to the public at large, as well as to employers and workers who are directly affected. Accordingly, the Commission's "Montana Labor Market," published monthly, provides a wide audience with labor mar-

ket information including data concerning future trends and levels of employment and unemployment, employment opportunities in various industries, occupations or areas, and average hours and earnings in selected industries. All Montana newspapers made available good space for the Commission's weekly press releases and monthly news stories on the operations and functions of the agency throughout the fiscal year. Several newspapers in larger Montana cities provided full page feature stories to better acquaint the communities with services available through Montana State Employment Service offices. Full cooperation was also received from other communication media including TV and radio in publicizing the Commission's functions and activities.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Montana's Unemployment Compensation Commission combines a statewide public employment agency with a system to compensate workers for loss of income during periods of unemployment. Employment placement services are available to all employers and jobseekers, but unemployment coverage applies, generally speaking, to employees whose employers' have a total annual payroll, within either the current or the preceding calendar year, which exceeds the sum of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars. Smaller firms, and organizations in certain types of exempted activities, are not covered by the law and their employees do not have unemployment insurance coverage.

Unemployment compensation payments to eligible out-of-work claimants come from a trust fund built up by contributions from covered employers who pay a quarterly payroll tax on the first \$3,000 in wages paid to each employee during the year. Workers do not pay any part of the Montana tax and employers can make no payroll deductions for this purpose.

Unemployment compensation payments strengthen the state's economy with a temporary and partial replacement of income when wage earners lose their jobs. Such payments help conserve the state's supply of skilled workers by giving them a chance to look for jobs in Montana suitable to their training and experience, and also help to sustain purchasing power in the community.

Contribution and Benefits: Obtaining wage reports and contributions from covered employers, making determinations for payment of unemployment insurance to qualified claimants and other related functions are the responsibility of the Contribution and the Benefit Sections of the Central Office in Helena.

The Contributions Section is responsible for the investigation and determination of employer liability under the Montana Unemployment Compensation Law, the experience rating of employer accounts, collection of taxes from which unemployment compensation benefits are paid, the deposit and accounting for said taxes, the audit, adjustment and processing of employer accounts. This Section maintains a constant program of field audits for the purpose of securing compliance and cooperation of employers in reporting employees' wages for unemployment compensation purposes. During the fiscal year field representatives of the Commission made 11,688 employer contacts, completed 1,739 audits, found \$6,753.68 in unreported wages, and secured 1,125 delinquent reports.

The Benefit Section examines, determines, and processes each new claim filed in local offices, and maintains all records pertaining to each claim. In addition this section operates an interstate claims

unit for the purpose of processing those claims filed out-of-state for which Montana is liable. Unemployment compensation for veterans and federal employees, both federal programs, financed entirely by federal funds and administered by the Commission in accordance with Montana law are also processed by this Section. Under terms of an agreement with the U. S. Secretary of Labor, the Commission applies the Montana Unemployment Compensation Law throughout the claims taking and payment process for these two programs, and the Federal Government advances funds to the Commission for the payment of benefits and provides funds for the cost of administration.

Employer Coverage and Contributions: The number of employers reporting wages to the Commission on June 30, 1958 was 14,815, a decrease of 1,436 from the previous June 30th. The number changed from month to month as new employers became subject to the law and others terminated their liability. During the fiscal year, employers paid taxes amounting to \$3,691,710.00 into the Unemployment Compensation Fund to be used exclusively for the payment of unemployment benefits to eligible unemployed workers. In addition, employers who did not meet the deadline for payment of taxes paid \$12,489.63 in penalties and interest. All of the taxes collected were deposited to the credit of Montana in the United States Treasury, and earned interest of \$1,131,352.27 during the fiscal year. The average tax rate for employers in 1958 was 1.13 per cent, slightly below the 1.17 per cent in 1957. Contributions are paid by each active employer at a tax rate which ranges from 0.5 per cent to the maximum of 2.7 per cent. The average tax rate for all employers is set by law at 1.2 per cent.

Voluntary Contributions: During this second year of the voluntary contribution amendment to the law (Section 87-109 (c) (4)), 278 employers made voluntary payments totalling \$50,252.08. These voluntary contributions allow an employer to retain a reduced tax rate by paying to the Commission the amount that benefits charged to his account over the last three years exceed contributions made by him during the same period, thereby relieving him of the penalty of paying the maximum tax rate of 2.7 per cent.

Covered Employees, and Reported Wages: The monthly average of covered employees decreased from 115,899 during the previous fiscal year to 109,069 during the fiscal year reported. Trade, wholesale and retail, with a monthly average of 39,615 topped all other major industrial groups during the fiscal year reported, followed by Manufacturing with 20,058; Service Industries, 14,659; Contract Construction, 10,403; Transportation, Communication and Utilities, 9,455; Mining, 9,019; and Finance, Insurance

and Real Estate, 5,709. Gross wages reported by covered employers during the same period amounted to \$435,384,512.00 compared to \$467,682,287.00 the year before. Taxable wages in the amount of \$304,854,523.00 for the fiscal year reported were down from \$325,817,677.00, reported during the previous fiscal year. The highest total of gross wages reported was in Trade, \$136,559,704.00; followed by Manufacturing, \$94,160,866.00; and Contract Construction, \$50,953,989.00.

Trust Fund: After the payment of \$12,419,586.40 in unemployment compensation benefits during the 1958 fiscal year, the trust fund balance on June 30, 1958 was \$36,335,940.52, a decrease of \$7.4 million from June 30, 1957. Included in the year-end balance was \$40,463.32 in Reed Bill Funds which remain in the trust fund account unless appropriated for other Unemployment Compensation Administrative purposes by the State Legislature. Benefits paid from the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund during the fiscal year exceeded contributions received and interest earned by \$7,413,133.94. If this trend continues and amendment is not made by the Montana Legislature to correct the annual trust fund loss it is possible that all employer tax rates will automatically go to 2.7 per cent by the end of the present fiscal year.

Montana Unemployment Insurance Claims and Payments: During the fiscal year a total of 37,433 claimants filed initial claims for unemployment benefits under the Montana law; 33,178, or 88.6 per cent, were determined eligible because of sufficient wage credits, while 4,255, or 11.4 per cent, had ineligible claims because of insufficient wage credits. A total of 465,607 continued or weekly claims were filed, of which 449,677 were eligible. The weekly average number of payments was 8,817 with an average weekly benefit amount of \$27.70. A total of 31,866 received one or more benefit payments while 8,850 drew the maximum number of 22 benefit checks. The greatest number of payments, 75,819, were made during March, 1958 amounting to \$2,109,160.00, while July, 1957 found the lowest number of claimants, 11,376, receiving benefits totalling \$308,116.00.

Claims and Payments—Other Programs: Most of the claims and payments processed through the Unemployment Compensation Commission are paid out of the Montana Unemployment Trust Fund, however, the Commission also acts as an agent of the federal government in payment of benefits to unemployed federal civilian workers and unemployed Korean veterans. Effective October 27, 1958 a new federal program, Unemployment Compensation for Ex-Servicemen, joined the two federal programs already in operation. All three are financed entirely from federal funds but administered by the Com-

mission. During the fiscal year unemployed federal workers filed 16,634 claims for a total of \$436,421.00 in benefit payments. Claims filed by unemployed veterans numbered 15,858 and totalled \$319,783.00 in benefit payments. The effective date for payment of Unemployment Compensation to Ex-Servicemen (UCX) is outside the reported fiscal year, and therefore no figures for this new program are shown.

Under agreements with the other states, an unemployed worker may file claims in any of the 22 local offices of the Montana State Employment Service against wage credits earned in another state. These claims are then forwarded to the liable state for determination and payment. Similarly unemployed Montana workers residing in other states may file claims against Montana if they have wage credits in Montana and are otherwise eligible. These claims are sent to Montana for processing and payment. During the fiscal year local offices of the Commission took 4,203 initial claims and 25,692 continued or weekly claims filed against other states while the Commission received 8,635 Montana wage credits by claimants residing elsewhere.

The Appeal Process: The Montana law provides that any interested party may appeal any determination of the Commission upon a claim for benefits, or any determination of classification and tax rate. Two appellate bodies, the Appeals Tribunal, and the Commission are set up to hear and decide issues brought before them. All appeals are first ruled on by the Appeals Tribunal. If any interested party involved in the dispute desires, he may make further appeal to the Commission. Within ten days after a decision of the Commission has become final, any party aggrieved thereby may secure judicial review thereof by commencing an action in the district court of the county in which said party resides. During the fiscal year a total of 294 appeals were filed before the Appeals Tribunal and 48 were withdrawn. Of the balance, 148 were initiated by claimants and 98 by employers. The Commission heard 19 cases appealed from Appeals Tribunal decisions, 18 by claimants and one by an employer.

Overpayment and Fraud: A continuous program for the prevention, detection, and control of overpayments and fraudulent claims for benefits in the three benefit programs was maintained by the Commission and all local offices during the fiscal year. Special investigations were made and post audits were run by matching claims filed against payrolls reported by employers. During the fiscal year, prosecution was recommended to county attorneys throughout the state in 266 cases, resulting in 102 convictions. A total of \$30,995.81 in overpayment or fraudulent claims was recovered.

THE COMMISSION'S BUILDING PROGRAM

The Montana Unemployment Compensation Law provides that the Commission shall establish and maintain free public employment offices in such number and in such places as may be necessary for the proper administration of the law and to cooperate with the United States Secretary of Labor in this regard.

During the fiscal year construction was completed on four new state-owned buildings to house Employment Service offices in Billings, Butte, Kalispell and Miles City. In use since early 1957 are new state-owned buildings at Bozeman, Havre and Shelby. These new structures not only offer workers and employers facilities specifically designed for efficient employment service operations, but also provide handsome additions to the communities which they serve.

Commission use of Federal "Reed Act" funds (Section 903 of the Federal Social Security Act) for all buildings was authorized by both the Montana State Legislature and the State Board of Examiners and approval of space requirements and terms of federal payment was given by the Bureau of Employment Security and the United States Department of Labor. Not one cent was appropriated from the State's general fund for this purpose.

The State Board of Examiners and the Commission have given unanimous approval for the construction of a new State building to house the Unemployment Compensation Commission's Central Office in Helena. The plan awaits legislative approval.

STATISTICAL
TABLES AND CHARTS



EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
IN MONTANA



FISCAL 1958

Table 1
EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES

By Offices—Fiscal 1958

OFFICES	New Jobseekers Registered	Counseling Interviews Conducted	JOB PLACEMENTS					EMPLOYER VISITS		
			Male	Female	Total	Industrial	Agric.	Total	Industrial	Agric.
Anaconda	1,428	60	595	231	826	235	591	542	365	177
Billings	7,392	1,052	7,053	1,826	8,879	4,146	4,733	2,186	1,475	711
Bozeman	2,659	272	2,702	697	3,399	1,709	1,690	1,165	913	252
Butte	6,587	497	868	251	1,119	769	350	536	511	25
Cut Bank	977	96	1,062	103	1,165	473	692	533	307	226
Dillon	1,179	25	1,718	121	1,839	427	1,412	496	444	52
Glasgow	1,688	283	2,274	267	2,541	1,381	1,160	674	368	306
Glendive	1,239	229	3,634	197	3,831	862	2,969	572	359	213
Great Falls	5,715	806	4,462	1,121	5,583	2,774	2,809	1,367	720	647
Hamilton	829	26	1,477	564	2,041	371	1,670	686	190	496
Havre	1,541	291	3,027	224	3,251	1,760	1,491	800	453	347
Helena	3,284	161	1,592	404	1,996	1,457	539	766	568	198
Kalispell	3,984	577	1,536	1,048	2,584	2,312	272	1,308	1,250	58
Lewistown	841	71	1,096	129	1,225	491	734	834	476	358
Livingston	1,209	45	702	210	912	599	313	263	235	28
Miles City	1,569	122	2,663	186	2,849	886	1,963	648	396	252
Missoula	4,695	1,377	1,849	339	2,188	1,619	569	788	602	186
Polson	1,238	81	1,818	523	2,341	768	1,573	611	178	433
Shelby	1,363	223	2,362	140	2,502	826	1,676	799	610	189
Sidney	810	96	4,342	153	4,495	445	4,050	723	344	379
Thompson Falls	1,037	79	664	54	718	674	44	397	356	41
Wolf Point	1,024	60	893	98	991	363	628	349	238	111
Teacher Placement	639	.....	346	295	641	641	.....	308	308	.....
Fiscal 1958	52,927	6,529	48,735	9,181	57,916	25,988	31,928	17,351	11,666	5,685
Fiscal 1957	46,583	6,249	50,853	8,835	59,688	30,136	29,552	21,400	14,389	7,011

Table 2
EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES—VETERANS

By Offices—Fiscal 1958

OFFICES	New Jobseekers		Counseling Interviews Conducted	Placements		Dis- abled
	Total	Disabled		Total	Agric.	
Anaconda	472	41	14	229	155	2
Billings	2,323	177	262	2,915	1,085	130
Bozeman	785	56	77	870	288	40
Butte	2,223	253	222	307	45	27
Cut Bank	419	42	60	538	308	27
Dillon	469	24	13	997	803	15
Glasgow	534	47	96	859	383	32
Glendive	398	26	164	699	278	18
Great Falls	1,662	121	290	1,696	741	50
Hamilton	228	10	18	297	191	3
Havre	440	23	91	1,564	681	35
Helena	1,203	54	92	945	282	36
Kalispell	871	67	106	691	68	55
Lewistown	261	33	24	514	319	20
Livingston	365	27	29	351	156	12
Miles City	509	39	50	582	239	33
Missoula	1,504	196	205	1,033	243	111
Polson	247	33	51	426	269	13
Shelby	535	25	68	746	318	37
Sidney	226	17	32	284	150	19
Thompson Falls	336	25	16	285	6	20
Wolf Point	290	9	17	286	159	2
Teacher Placement	260	.....	.....	221	.....	1
Fiscal 1958	16,560	1,345	1,997	17,335	7,167	738
Fiscal 1957	15,231	1,202	1,611	19,387	7,161	780

Table 3
NEW JOB APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
 By Office and Month—Fiscal 1958

OFFICES	1957						1958						Total
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Anaconda	68	75	118	89	181	132	197	160	93	113	65	137	1,428
Billings	728	628	547	558	592	535	752	556	462	584	513	937	7,392
Bozeman	271	220	200	197	204	175	232	184	148	213	230	385	2,659
Butte	843	683	535	524	489	491	467	611	451	386	286	821	6,587
Cut Bank	58	167	62	81	83	76	85	98	72	76	55	64	977
Dillon	194	65	69	74	86	73	122	86	101	90	91	128	1,179
Glasgow	120	98	132	62	167	114	181	89	90	165	137	333	1,688
Glendive	108	66	104	104	78	86	89	102	124	119	127	132	1,239
Great Falls	424	361	466	490	568	483	606	499	370	422	441	585	5,715
Hamilton	48	33	76	55	70	123	101	68	38	67	53	97	829
Havre	89	94	77	110	175	159	251	155	84	78	53	216	1,541
Helena	331	321	304	250	272	233	381	290	226	204	182	290	3,284
Kalispell	506	147	182	241	285	310	435	295	183	288	323	789	3,984
Lewistown	33	38	53	78	93	83	101	79	71	59	45	108	841
Livingston	52	74	91	110	181	101	156	86	86	85	73	114	1,209
Miles City	164	117	64	86	107	129	175	169	105	147	122	184	1,569
Missoula	288	344	358	386	384	416	552	424	327	321	354	541	4,695
Polson	251	41	56	74	73	81	119	58	44	78	74	289	1,238
Shelby	117	244	89	75	104	61	102	99	72	135	161	104	1,363
Sidney	37	31	77	61	66	61	87	168	61	60	40	61	810
Thompson Falls	82	82	70	73	84	121	200	78	43	76	51	77	1,037
Wolf Point	52	104	45	66	86	97	143	74	77	96	75	109	1,024
Teacher Placement	46	28	10	8	20	25	45	82	109	117	99	50	639
Fiscal 1958	4,910	4,061	3,785	3,852	4,448	4,165	5,579	4,510	3,437	3,979	3,650	6,551	52,927
Fiscal 1957	3,609	3,284	3,039	3,120	4,120	4,515	5,532	3,990	3,310	3,878	3,371	4,815	46,583

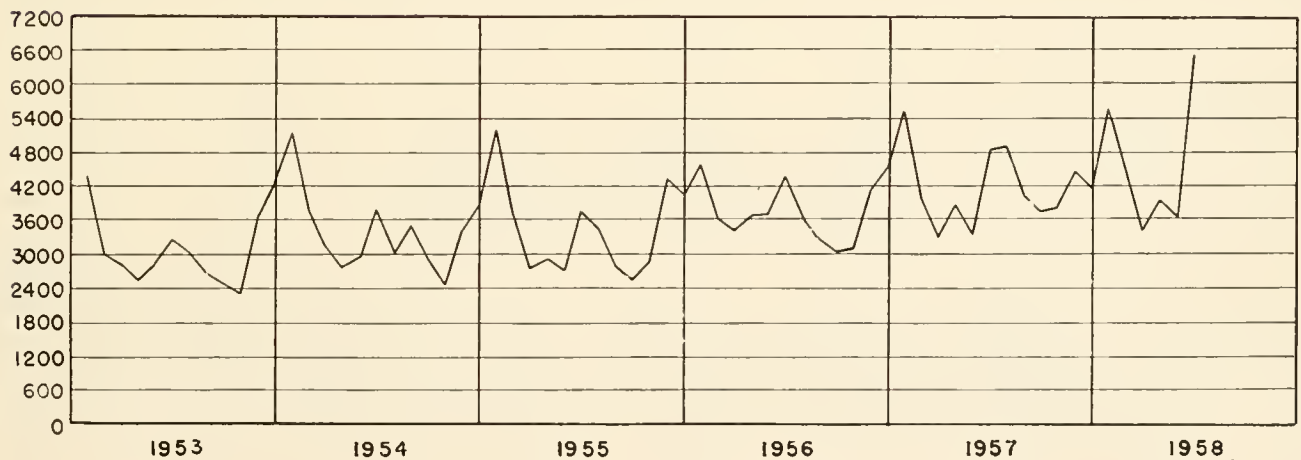


Chart I—VOLUME OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR WORK
 By Months
 Montana, 1953-1958

Table 4
ACTIVE APPLICANTS FOR WORK, END OF MONTH
By Offices—Fiscal 1958

OFFICES	1957						1958						
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Avg.
Anaconda	122	130	179	244	387	429	455	521	488	390	278	302	327
Billings	701	731	865	947	1,482	1,801	2,716	2,694	2,702	2,285	2,196	1,945	1,755
Bozeman	324	252	233	323	517	723	811	894	969	867	540	710	597
Butte	1,279	1,510	1,597	1,757	2,119	2,104	2,248	2,585	2,539	2,330	1,797	2,155	2,002
Cut Bank	66	78	67	144	246	358	475	562	620	539	404	249	317
Dillon	84	59	82	132	194	245	303	350	337	256	159	103	192
Glasgow	114	122	88	83	254	494	674	673	695	559	487	667	409
Glendive	82	65	55	99	171	219	276	279	321	209	184	221	182
Great Falls	647	555	654	1,029	1,721	2,051	2,581	2,978	2,735	2,166	1,866	1,910	1,741
Hamilton	273	278	130	167	306	506	657	651	656	510	389	413	411
Havre	72	64	63	137	322	481	624	738	718	426	227	378	354
Helena	218	180	293	336	704	711	1,155	1,230	1,375	1,098	564	569	703
Kalispell	906	530	607	792	1,116	2,086	2,689	3,123	3,084	3,300	2,727	3,674	2,053
Lewistown	57	60	83	134	217	332	374	430	402	212	147	195	220
Livingston	83	72	106	190	523	450	668	603	625	445	249	193	351
Miles City	95	64	74	102	226	307	537	692	538	299	172	228	278
Missoula	670	748	696	782	954	1,327	1,738	1,933	1,909	1,814	1,556	1,499	1,302
Polson	257	109	147	231	347	552	744	735	690	497	394	502	434
Shelby	83	66	69	115	213	331	416	538	537	473	240	253	278
Sidney	52	32	60	57	108	167	249	413	400	121	101	147	159
Thompson Falls	171	117	116	150	257	441	697	650	561	487	318	257	352
Wolf Point	63	50	64	90	180	317	446	478	493	294	238	262	248
Teacher Placement	601	314	109	62	73	99	440	721	956	1,142	1,086	902	542
Fiscal 1958	7,020	6,186	6,437	8,103	12,637	16,531	21,973	24,471	24,350	20,721	16,319	17,734	15,207
Fiscal 1957	4,214	3,018	2,932	3,818	6,515	10,398	15,175	17,384	15,761	13,060	9,951	8,682	9,242

Table 5
WORK-APPLICANT COUNT IN REVIEW

*Active Jobseekers, Montana, 1949-1958 (end of month)

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	Monthly Average 1949-1957
January	11,768	18,048	11,685	10,370	10,616	12,270	12,887	12,676	14,792	21,533	12,790
February	13,097	18,556	12,336	10,136	10,995	12,455	12,304	13,061	16,695	23,750	13,292
March	12,484	16,085	10,844	9,392	9,323	11,075	11,979	12,663	14,930	23,394	12,086
April	8,268	11,435	7,048	5,705	6,043	8,945	9,227	7,974	12,066	19,579	8,523
May	4,912	6,755	4,312	3,276	4,324	6,191	5,565	5,105	9,032	15,233	5,496
June	4,331	5,809	4,240	2,957	3,910	5,403	5,274	4,694	7,943	16,832	4,951
July	3,864	3,920	3,260	2,191	3,249	4,283	4,628	3,807	6,419	11,784	3,957
August	3,320	2,898	2,370	1,619	2,069	3,519	2,458	2,808	5,872	8,772	2,992
September	3,523	2,578	2,304	1,388	2,288	3,782	2,781	2,889	6,328	8,065	3,095
October	4,519	3,179	2,572	1,955	2,688	4,038	3,348	3,763	8,041	.....	3,789
November	6,551	5,349	4,341	4,135	5,048	5,617	6,968	6,453	12,564	.....	6,336
December	10,732	8,329	6,694	7,517	7,932	8,613	9,351	10,325	16,432	.....	9,547
Average (annual)	7,281	8,578	6,001	5,053	5,707	7,185	7,231	7,185	10,926	.....	7,237

*Teacher Placement Count Omitted

Table 6
PLACEMENTS IN INDUSTRIAL JOBS

By Office and Industry—Fiscal 1958

OFFICES	Agri.	Forestry Fishing Etc.	Mining	Const.	Manu- factur- ing	Pub. Util. R. R. Other	Trade	Fin. Ins. R. Estate	Service	House- hold	Gov't.	Total
Anaconda	591	0	3	27	50	5	43	2	27	30	48	826
Billings	4,733	37	41	190	401	268	1,778	120	493	714	104	8,879
Bozeman	1,690	0	5	175	227	151	603	21	203	278	46	3,399
Butte	350	0	290	18	16	32	184	39	130	44	16	1,119
Cut Bank	692	0	6	143	12	86	42	4	82	89	9	1,165
Dillon	1,412	1	8	57	0	52	187	1	35	49	37	1,839
Glasgow	1,160	6	0	608	4	87	333	9	140	163	31	2,541
Glendive	2,969	0	105	247	24	111	232	20	61	56	6	3,831
Great Falls	2,809	0	10	232	186	125	1,171	171	520	226	133	5,583
Hamilton	1,670	0	17	50	107	14	67	1	27	77	11	2,041
Havre	1,491	0	0	298	32	771	407	13	85	145	9	3,251
Helena	539	4	13	109	129	150	273	50	234	170	325	1,996
Kalispell	272	4	1	376	530	38	956	17	152	116	122	2,584
Lewistown	734	2	3	176	31	62	105	5	40	47	20	1,225
Livingston	313	0	2	62	97	44	192	6	78	79	39	912
Miles City	1,963	0	5	243	19	133	220	20	92	126	28	2,849
Missoula	569	4	8	130	332	148	414	27	326	178	52	2,188
Polson	1,573	72	0	75	130	41	341	0	24	73	12	2,341
Shelby	1,676	3	3	193	1	225	152	8	92	128	21	2,502
Sidney	4,050	0	12	127	3	22	107	3	102	52	17	4,495
Thompson Falls	44	0	1	388	186	10	28	6	10	25	20	718
Wolf Point	628	0	7	103	9	25	139	1	47	28	4	991
Teacher Placement ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	641	0	0	641
Fiscal 1958	31,928	133	540	4,027	2,526	2,600	7,974	544	3,641	2,893	1,110	57,916
Fiscal 1957	29,552	80	1,491	5,052	3,304	3,012	8,655	594	3,988	2,829	1,131	59,688

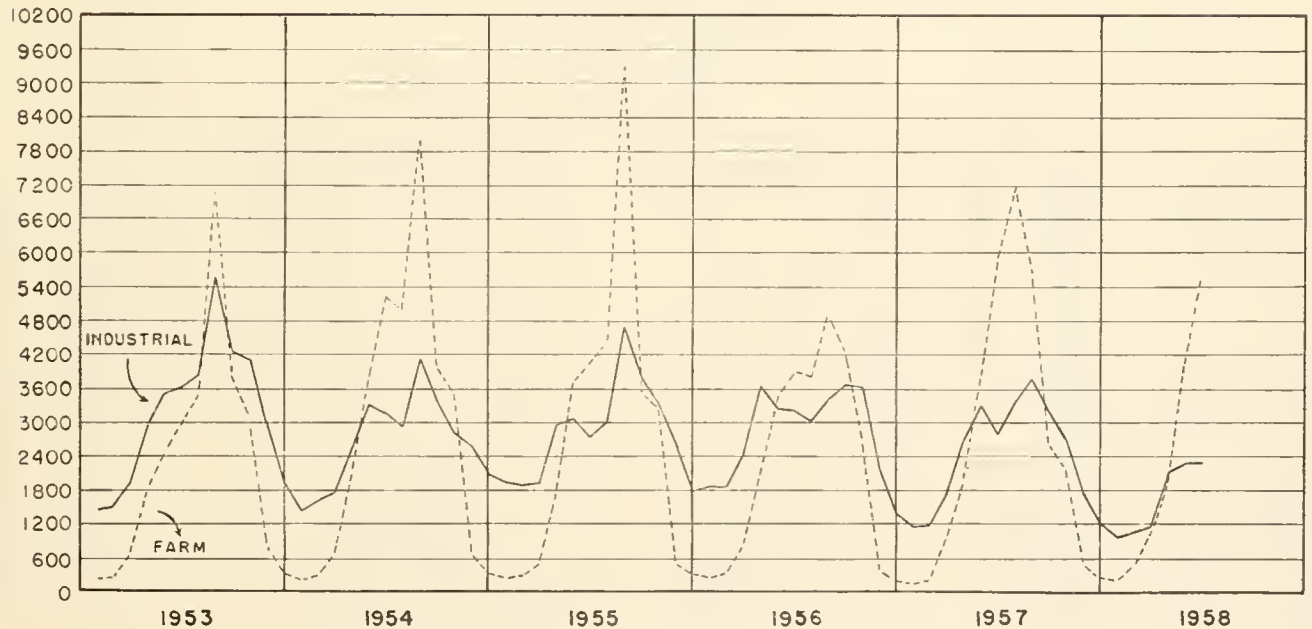


Chart II—JOB PLACEMENTS, INDUSTRIAL AND FARM

By Months

Montana, 1953-1958

Table 7
INDUSTRIAL JOB PLACEMENTS

By Office, By Month

Fiscal 1958

	1957						1958						Total
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Anaconda	32	35	23	22	18	22	14	7	14	3	18	27	235
Billings	410	459	420	405	307	260	220	220	228	429	417	371	4,146
Bozeman	224	222	187	177	117	81	64	62	81	134	189	171	1,709
Butte	31	173	98	109	68	56	22	28	40	54	51	39	769
Cut Bank	43	53	99	71	54	10	8	10	25	38	39	23	473
Dillon	51	44	65	44	36	24	17	17	24	29	31	45	427
Glasgow	213	203	218	165	110	72	76	63	66	69	55	71	1,381
Glendive	83	100	129	94	53	45	37	40	52	74	87	68	862
Great Falls	258	379	325	249	185	166	127	154	153	247	268	263	2,774
Hamilton	43	61	33	45	34	21	5	12	20	29	36	32	371
Havre	257	346	305	157	114	41	50	88	46	148	98	110	1,760
Helena	150	285	165	109	96	56	34	55	59	139	162	147	1,457
Kalispell	517	462	246	231	91	67	69	47	83	160	124	215	2,312
Lewistown	98	45	53	61	25	23	32	15	15	24	53	47	491
Livingston	75	74	87	66	27	27	56	23	24	32	51	57	599
Miles City	104	100	85	107	78	58	27	21	35	75	111	85	886
Missoula	222	138	187	194	171	104	43	62	70	135	141	152	1,619
Polson	215	137	36	96	25	4	9	1	15	93	85	52	768
Shelby	88	103	163	131	36	39	36	47	20	53	53	57	826
Sidney	58	53	65	46	28	22	27	8	10	45	50	33	445
Thompson Falls	66	90	82	53	10	18	27	78	77	50	46	77	674
Wolf Point	51	33	47	55	25	12	14	17	11	35	36	27	363
Teacher Placement	101	137	86	18	46	4	15	3	13	25	92	101	641
Fiscal 1958	3,390	3,732	3,204	2,705	1,754	1,232	1,029	1,078	1,181	2,120	2,293	2,270	25,988
Fiscal 1957	3,023	3,422	3,677	3,345	2,248	1,381	1,198	1,201	1,768	2,700	3,339	2,834	30,136

Table 8
FARM JOB PLACEMENTS

By Office, By Month

Fiscal 1958

	1957						1958						Total
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Anaconda	67	51	127	297	2	....	....	5	11	10	12	9	591
Billings	618	598	827	274	92	30	38	45	76	311	706	1,118	4,733
Bozeman	371	257	111	527	23	11	13	13	19	84	152	109	1,690
Butte	84	60	84	23	2	....	5	14	13	22	40	3	350
Cut Bank	108	108	62	20	26	2	2	52	82	76	44	110	692
Dillon	433	228	99	63	56	46	37	33	73	116	126	102	1,412
Glasgow	140	322	165	18	25	9	6	8	101	150	67	149	1,160
Glendive	779	285	118	77	20	20	13	17	25	67	487	1,061	2,969
Great Falls	441	1,025	378	184	66	25	11	112	69	257	134	107	2,809
Hamilton	408	469	72	232	31	8	3	7	20	44	204	172	1,670
Havre	316	477	133	71	24	12	10	13	93	145	90	107	1,491
Helena	132	78	43	61	8	12	9	4	23	64	66	39	539
Kalispell	56	25	25	41	8	15	17	19	10	13	22	21	272
Lewistown	137	212	51	27	7	5	7	8	24	101	72	83	734
Livingston	91	57	44	14	4	1	3	....	10	34	27	28	313
Miles City	291	106	33	43	27	17	10	11	32	86	624	683	1,963
Missoula	182	71	35	32	13	6	4	7	18	35	102	64	569
Polson	587	667	8	70	35	6	14	5	19	48	52	62	1,573
Shelby	335	258	125	34	25	49	12	133	377	166	79	83	1,676
Sidney	1,482	51	38	37	16	3	2	2	12	122	891	1,394	4,050
Thompson Falls	8	3	4	4	1	....	....	5	3	4	5	7	44
Wolf Point	97	200	24	85	29	7	3	3	10	77	46	47	628
Fiscal 1958	7,163	5,608	2,606	2,234	540	284	219	516	1,120	2,032	4,048	5,558	31,928
Fiscal 1957	3,809	4,894	4,218	2,603	454	254	175	273	1,043	2,108	3,848	5,873	29,552

Table 9

AVERAGE OF WEEKLY HOURS, HOURLY EARNINGS, AND WEEKLY EARNINGS

Selected Montana Industries—Fiscal 1958

A—Average Weekly Hours

INDUSTRY—	1957												Avg.
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
All Manufacturing ..	37.3	39.1	38.7	39.3	39.6	38.5	38.9	38.2	38.3	39.3	39.2	40.2	38.9
Durable Goods ..	36.3	39.1	38.6	38.5	38.7	37.2	38.3	38.2	37.9	39.7	38.9	39.7	38.4
Primary Metals ..	38.1	37.8	38.3	39.2	38.9	39.4	39.4	39.5	39.5	39.5	39.4	39.7	39.1
Nondurable Goods ..	39.6	39.1	39.0	40.8	41.4	41.0	40.1	38.1	39.2	38.6	39.8	41.5	39.9
Food and Kindred Products.....	41.1	41.2	40.5	43.1	44.1	44.5	42.5	38.9	40.7	39.1	41.1	41.8	41.6
All Mining ..	38.0	38.8	39.4	38.9	38.8	40.5	39.1	39.3	39.6	38.9	39.1	39.2	39.1
Metal Mining ..	37.2	38.1	38.7	38.5	38.4	39.9	38.8	38.7	38.9	38.3	38.3	37.8	38.4
Utilities except Railroads ..	40.4	40.3	39.3	40.9	40.3	40.5	40.0	39.0	39.3	39.3	39.1	40.0	39.9

B—Average Hourly Earnings in Dollars

All Manufacturing ..	2.23	2.22	2.23	2.17	2.19	2.22	2.26	2.27	2.25	2.26	2.28	2.29	2.24
Durable Goods ..	2.19	2.18	2.20	2.18	2.17	2.18	2.22	2.20	2.16	2.16	2.18	2.21	2.19
Primary Metals ..	2.28	2.30	2.29	2.28	2.28	2.28	2.29	2.29	2.28	2.29	2.31	2.30	2.29
Nondurable Goods ..	2.32	2.31	2.30	2.16	2.23	2.28	2.32	2.40	2.41	2.47	2.46	2.47	2.34
Food and Kindred Products.....	1.83	1.88	1.83	1.78	1.84	1.92	1.94	1.97	1.97	2.03	2.00	2.06	1.92
All Mining ..	2.60	2.51	2.53	2.51	2.50	2.55	2.49	2.50	2.50	2.51	2.51	2.49	2.52
Metal Mining ..	2.58	2.46	2.42	2.44	2.36	2.44	2.35	2.41	2.38	2.42	2.44	2.41	2.43
Utilities except Railroads ..	1.99	2.01	2.06	2.06	2.01	2.06	2.05	2.06	2.08	2.10	2.07	2.10	2.47

C—Average Weekly Earnings in Dollars

All Manufacturing ..	82.51	86.66	86.43	85.39	86.83	85.39	97.81	86.63	86.17	88.86	89.11	92.02	86.98
Durable Goods ..	79.45	85.04	84.89	83.84	83.90	81.11	84.98	84.24	81.93	85.65	84.91	87.47	83.95
Primary Metals ..	87.05	86.77	87.75	89.36	88.86	89.86	90.26	90.36	90.26	90.28	90.72	91.39	89.41
Nondurable Goods ..	91.93	90.30	89.77	88.21	92.29	93.74	93.06	91.29	94.52	95.35	98.03	102.51	93.42
Food and Kindred Products.....	74.99	77.25	74.02	76.72	81.17	85.36	82.47	76.38	80.14	79.31	82.12	86.03	79.66
All Mining ..	98.90	97.46	99.59	97.64	97.19	103.20	97.08	98.17	99.09	97.56	98.07	97.48	98.45
Metal Mining ..	96.19	93.55	93.46	93.96	90.64	94.85	91.23	93.21	92.38	92.94	93.38	90.95	93.06
Transportation, Utilities (ex. RRs.) ..	89.84	92.34	92.76	94.66	94.15	88.68	91.22	89.33	93.69	92.51	92.34	96.93	92.37
Transportation ..	111.08	117.17	117.70	116.16	121.47	99.32	109.85	106.72	116.97	111.93	113.06	119.85	113.44
Utilities ..	80.14	81.00	81.18	84.21	80.94	83.49	82.06	80.48	81.76	82.41	80.38	83.84	81.87

Table 10

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT (Except Agriculture) IN MONTANA

Preliminary Estimates by Month's—Fiscal 1957
(In Thousands)

	1956						1957						Approx. Avg.
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES	175.7	177.5	176.9	173.6	167.9	165.2	159.0	157.8	158.6	163.0	168.6	174.8	168.2
Manufacturing	22.3	22.6	22.5	22.8	21.8	21.1	20.2	19.4	19.4	19.7	20.4	21.7	21.2
Durable Goods	14.7	15.0	14.8	14.2	13.7	13.4	12.6	12.4	12.3	12.6	13.2	14.5	13.6
Lumber and Timber Products.....	8.7	8.9	8.7	8.2	7.6	7.1	6.3	6.1	6.0	6.2	7.1	8.3	7.4
Primary Metals and Products.....	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	4.9	4.9	4.9
Iron, Steel, Clay, etc.....	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.3
Nondurable Goods	7.6	7.6	7.7	8.6	8.1	7.7	7.6	7.0	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.2	7.6
Food and Kindred Products.....	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.8	4.4	3.9	3.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.8
Printing and Publishing.....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
Petroleum Refining	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Apparel, Chemicals, etc.....	.9	.8	.9	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
Mining	12.1	12.5	12.8	12.2	12.5	12.8	12.6	12.8	12.8	12.3	11.9	11.8	12.4
Metal Mining	8.3	8.7	8.8	8.6	8.7	9.0	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.6	8.3	8.0	8.7
Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic.....	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.8	.9	.8	.8	.8	.9	.9
Petroleum-natural gas production.....	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	2.9
Contract Construction	14.5	15.1	15.4	14.5	12.6	10.2	8.7	8.4	8.7	10.7	13.5	14.4	12.2
Contractors, Building Construction.....	5.7	5.8	5.6	5.3	4.8	3.9	3.2	2.9	3.1	4.1	4.7	5.2	4.5
Contractors, Other than Building.....	4.6	5.2	5.6	5.0	3.7	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.2	3.1	4.7	5.0	3.8
Contractors, Special Trade.....	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	4.1	4.2	3.9
Transportation and Utilities.....	22.9	23.2	22.7	22.3	21.6	21.1	20.6	20.6	20.6	21.0	21.7	22.0	21.7
Interstate Railroads	12.7	12.7	12.5	12.3	11.9	11.5	11.2	11.1	11.1	11.5	12.1	12.2	11.9
Transportation Except Railroads.....	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0
Utilities Including Communication.....	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.8
Trade	43.4	43.8	43.6	42.5	41.8	42.7	39.8	39.4	39.6	40.8	41.8	43.4	41.9
Wholesale Trade	9.5	9.7	9.7	9.5	9.6	9.5	9.2	9.1	9.2	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.5
Retail Trade	33.9	34.1	33.9	33.0	32.2	33.2	30.6	30.3	30.4	31.3	32.2	33.8	32.4
General Merchandise and Apparel	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	7.6	5.8	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.2	6.2
Food Stores	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.9	4.9
Eat and Drink Establishments.....	9.0	9.2	8.8	8.1	7.7	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.5	8.1	8.6	9.3	8.2
Automotive and Filling Stations.....	6.6	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.3	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.6	6.3
Trade Not Elsewhere Classified.....	7.1	7.1	7.1	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.8	6.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.7	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
Services and Miscellaneous.....	23.2	23.3	22.6	21.4	20.9	20.6	20.4	20.5	20.7	21.5	21.8	23.2	21.6
Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, etc.	4.3	4.3	3.9	3.0	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8	3.1	4.2	3.2
Personal Services	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.3
Repair, Professional, Recreational.....	16.4	16.5	16.2	16.0	15.8	15.7	15.7	15.8	15.9	16.3	16.3	16.4	16.0
Government	31.6	31.2	31.6	32.2	30.9	31.0	30.9	30.9	31.0	31.1	31.6	32.4	31.4
Federal	8.8	8.5	8.1	7.7	7.5	7.8	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.7	7.9	8.9	7.9
State and Local.....	22.8	22.7	23.5	24.4	23.4	23.2	23.5	23.5	23.6	23.4	23.7	23.5	23.4
Great Falls Area (Cascade County).....	20.4	20.2	20.7	20.5	19.8	19.5	18.7	18.7	19.0	19.8	20.4	20.8	19.9
Manufacturing	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
Contract Construction	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.3	1.8	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.3	2.4	1.8
Transport, util., communication.....	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4
Trade, Wholesale and retail.....	6.2	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.4	5.9	5.9	6.2	6.3	6.2	6.4	6.2
Services and miscellaneous.....	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.9
Government	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5

Table 11
INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT (Except Agriculture) IN MONTANA

Preliminary Estimates by Months—Fiscal 1958
(In Thousands)

	1957						1958						Approx. Avg.
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES	176.9	176.8	175.2	170.0	165.4	161.1	154.6	151.4	151.7	157.4	163.5	169.6	164.5
Manufacturing	22.3	22.2	21.9	22.0	21.1	19.9	19.1	18.3	18.1	18.4	19.3	20.6	20.3
Durable Goods	14.9	14.8	14.4	13.7	13.1	12.5	11.8	11.4	11.3	11.6	12.4	13.6	13.0
Lumber and timber products.....	8.5	8.5	8.3	7.9	7.4	7.0	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.0	7.0	8.0	7.2
Primary metals and products.....	5.1	5.0	4.8	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.2	4.3	4.5
Iron, Steel, Clay, etc.....	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
Nondurable Goods	7.4	7.4	7.5	8.3	8.0	7.4	7.3	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.3
Food and Kindred Products.....	3.5	3.6	3.7	4.6	4.3	3.7	3.6	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.5
Printing and Publishing.....	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
Petroleum refining	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2
Apparel, Chemicals, etc.....	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Mining	11.4	10.7	10.2	9.7	9.6	9.6	9.2	8.9	8.4	8.8	9.1	9.2	9.6
Metal Mining	7.6	6.9	6.4	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.0	5.5	5.7	5.5	5.9
Coal, Quarrying and nonmetallic.....	.9	.9	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	.8	.8	.8	.8	.9	.9
Petroleum-natural gas production.....	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.8
Contract Construction	15.1	15.2	15.5	14.1	12.2	10.4	9.2	7.8	8.1	10.4	13.1	13.8	12.1
Contractors, building construction.....	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.1	4.3	3.6	3.3	2.9	2.9	3.8	3.8	4.0	4.2
Contractors, other than building.....	4.8	4.9	5.1	4.2	3.3	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.6	3.5	5.8	6.1	3.9
Contractors, special trade.....	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.8	4.6	4.2	3.7	2.7	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.7	3.9
Transportation and Utilities.....	22.3	22.3	22.0	21.4	21.4	20.3	19.6	19.4	19.2	19.2	19.7	20.0	20.6
Interstate railroads	12.2	12.2	12.1	11.6	11.6	10.7	10.2	10.1	9.9	9.8	10.1	10.2	10.9
Transportation except railroads.....	4.0	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2	3.9
Utilities including communication.....	6.1	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.8
Trade	43.7	44.2	43.7	42.1	41.4	41.6	39.9	38.8	39.1	40.3	40.7	42.0	41.4
Wholesale trade	9.7	9.8	9.8	9.7	9.7	9.3	9.1	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.9	9.1	9.4
Retail trade	34.0	34.4	33.9	32.4	31.7	32.3	29.8	29.8	30.1	31.2	31.8	32.9	32.0
General merchandise and apparel..	6.0	6.2	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.8	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.8
Food stores	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.6	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.7	4.6	4.6	4.6
Restaurants	9.6	9.8	9.4	8.5	8.2	8.0	7.8	7.7	7.9	8.4	8.9	9.6	8.7
Automotive and filling stations.....	6.7	6.8	6.9	6.5	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3	6.7	6.5
Retail trade not elsewhere classified	6.9	6.8	6.7	6.7	6.5	6.5	6.0	6.3	6.4	6.3	6.4	6.4	6.5
Finance, Insurance and real estate.....	5.9	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8	5.9	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.0	5.9
Services and miscellaneous.....	23.6	23.7	23.4	22.1	21.6	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.4	22.1	22.5	24.0	22.3
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.....	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.2	4.4	3.3
Personal services	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.5
Repair, professional, recreational.....	16.5	16.6	16.7	16.4	16.2	16.2	16.2	16.1	16.3	16.7	16.7	16.9	16.5
Government	32.6	32.5	32.6	32.7	32.2	32.2	31.5	31.3	31.6	32.2	33.1	34.0	32.4
Federal	9.2	9.1	8.4	7.9	7.6	7.9	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.6	8.6	7.9
State and local.....	23.4	23.4	24.2	24.8	24.6	24.3	24.4	24.3	24.6	24.9	25.5	25.4	24.5
Great Falls Area (Cascade County).....	20.9	21.2	20.7	20.1	19.6	19.4	18.7	18.4	18.7	19.5	19.9	20.2	19.8
Manufacturing	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7
Contract construction	2.3	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.0	1.8
Transportation, util., & communication	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.3
Trade, wholesale and retail.....	6.5	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.5	6.7	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.4
Services and miscellaneous.....	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.2	4.4	4.1
Government	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

Table 12—DIGEST OF MONTANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FINANCING, 1945-1957

I. Finance	Calendar Year—											1957 ⁽¹⁾
	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
1. Trust Fund Balance.....(000's)	\$19,326	\$22,698	\$25,923	\$29,055	\$31,257	\$32,032	\$35,535	\$39,526	\$42,058	\$43,373	\$44,678	\$46,184
2. Average Contribution Rate ⁽²⁾(%)	2.70	2.70	1.75	1.75	1.77	1.80	1.92	1.91	1.27	1.22	1.21	1.26
3. Contribution Collections.....(000's)	\$ 3,541	\$ 4,068	\$ 3,699	\$ 3,837	\$ 4,235	\$ 4,398	\$ 5,083	\$ 5,324	\$ 3,939	\$ 3,563	\$ 3,779	\$ 4,085
4. Trust Fund Interest.....(000's)	\$ 333	\$ 393	\$ 477	\$ 566	\$ 640	\$ 656	\$ 715	\$ 824	\$ 945	\$ 987	\$ 996	\$ 1,071
5. Benefit Payments.....(000's)	\$ 132	\$ 1,089	\$ 938	\$ 1,270	\$ 2,669	\$ 4,280	\$ 2,285	\$22,155	\$ 2,347	\$ 3,228	\$ 3,461	\$ 3,748
												\$ 7,665
II. Benefits, Wages, Claims (Relations)												
1. Benefits to Taxable Wages.....(%)	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.1	1.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2
2. Trust Fund to Taxable Wages.....(%)	14.7	14.2	13.5	13.1	13.4	12.9	13.3	14.1	14.8	15.0	14.7	14.2
3. Average Weekly Benefit to												
(a) Average Weekly Wage (Gross).....(%)	34.6	33.3	31.7	32.3	33.0	32.4	29.4	28.6	29.0	30.3	30.8	31.1
(b) Same (Taxable).....(%)	37.1	36.1	35.2	36.8	38.0	38.1	36.2	36.4	37.8	39.3	41.7	43.5
4. First Payments to New Claim Filed.....(%)	25.0	44.1	59.7	67.5	67.7	83.8	67.0	74.9	62.3	60.1	63.7	67.3
5. Initial Claims per 4 Weeks to												
Average Covered Employment.....(%)	0.7	1.9	1.2	1.2	2.3	2.4	1.8	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.1	2.0
6. Claim Exhaustions to First Payments ⁽³⁾(%)	35.6	38.4	34.9	33.4	35.7	32.1	24.8	19.8	14.8	21.3	23.4	22.7
7. Insured Unemployment to Covered Employment.....(%)	.....	.....	2.0	2.0	3.8	5.2	2.9	2.4	2.7	3.7	3.4	3.1
												5.4
III. Employment and Claims												
1. Covered Employment:												
(a) Average Monthly.....number	71,714	82,996	92,050	98,103	98,925	101,182	104,028	106,305	107,246	106,619	111,240	116,466
(b) Wages (Gross).....(000's)	\$140,582	\$173,065	\$214,800	\$253,244	\$270,240	\$291,766	\$328,910	\$356,633	\$370,746	\$374,843	\$411,371	\$456,239
(c) Wages (Taxable).....(000's)	\$131,104	\$159,456	\$193,561	\$221,937	\$234,099	\$247,986	\$267,638	\$280,388	\$284,269	\$288,734	\$304,196	\$326,076
(d) Avg. Weekly Wage (Gross).....(amount)	\$ 37.70	\$ 40.10	\$ 44.88	\$ 49.64	\$ 52.53	\$ 55.45	\$ 60.80	\$ 64.52	\$ 66.48	\$ 67.61	\$ 71.12	\$ 75.33
(e) Same (Taxable).....(amount)	\$ 35.16	\$ 36.95	\$ 40.44	\$ 43.51	\$ 45.51	\$ 47.13	\$ 49.48	\$ 50.72	\$ 50.97	\$ 52.08	\$ 52.59	\$ 53.84
												\$ 54.04
2. Claims Data:												
(a) New Claims Initiated.....(number)	5,933	17,073	10,843	11,306	21,741	22,421	17,263	16,065	18,138	24,031	21,525	21,432
(b) First Payments Made.....(number)	1,483	7,532	6,468	7,635	14,725	18,788	11,567	12,032	11,309	14,447	13,715	14,419
(c) Avg. Weekly Benefit.....(number)	\$ 13.05	\$ 13.35	\$ 14.24	\$ 16.01	\$ 17.31	\$ 17.97	\$ 17.90	\$ 18.45	\$ 19.25	\$ 20.47	\$ 21.92	\$ 23.41
(d) Avg. Weeks Compensated.....(number)	6.9	10.8	10.2	10.5	10.5	12.7	11.1	9.8	10.8	10.9	11.5	11.6
(e) Avg. Weeks Entitlement.....(number)	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	17.2	18.0	18.0	18.0	19.6	20.0	20.0	20.0
(f) Claims Exhausted.....(number)	232	2,847	2,206	2,565	4,269	6,649	3,001	2,236	1,683	2,954	3,144	3,186
(g) Avg. Weekly Insured Unemployment.....(number)	.....	.....	1,851	1,947	3,719	5,239	2,906	2,586	2,844	3,913	3,782	3,585
												6,042

¹ Preliminary, subject to revision.

² Experience Rating Effective 1-1-47.

³ Claim Exhaustions in calendar year as per cent of first payments during twelve months ending September 30 of that year.

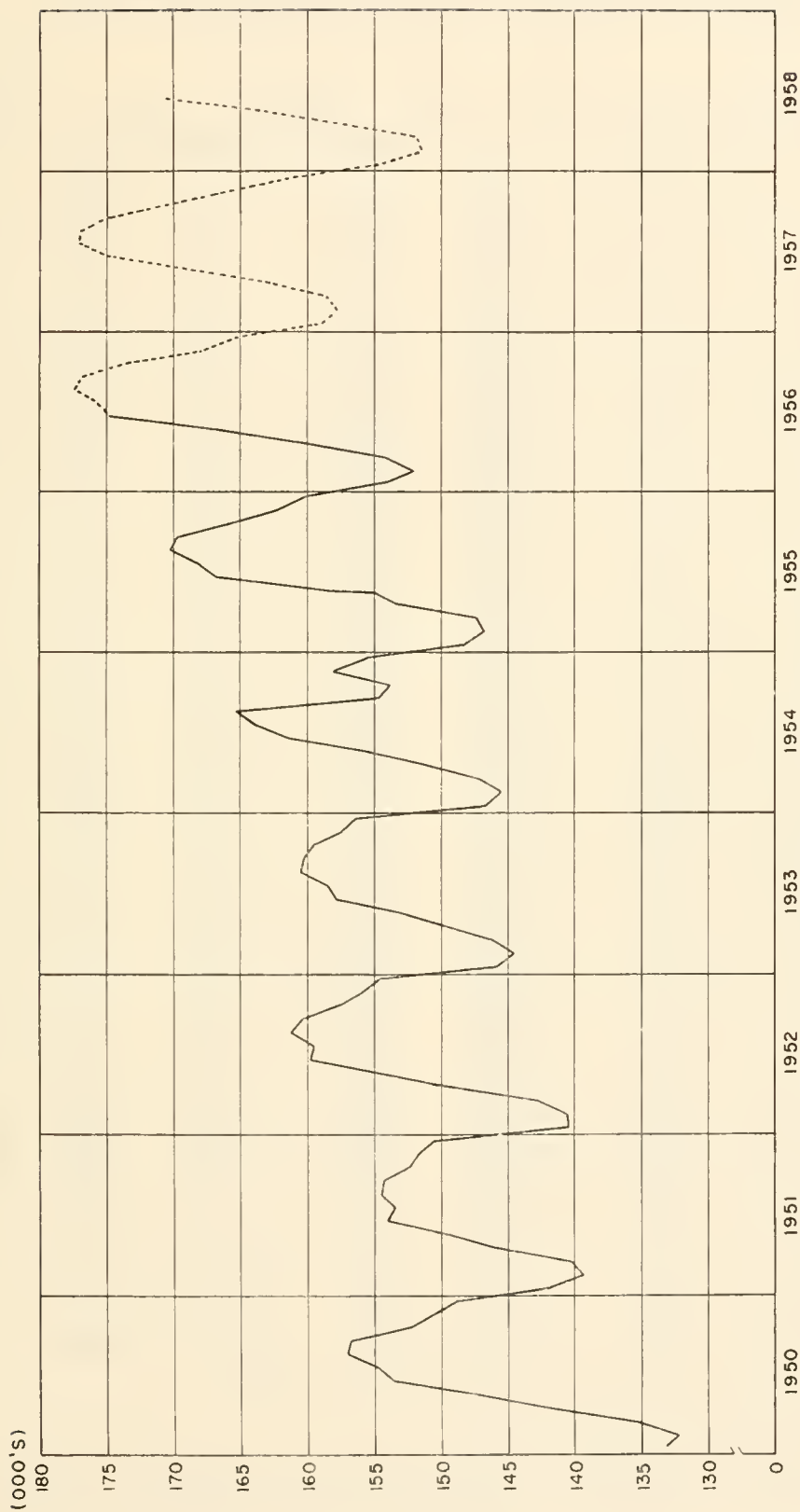


Chart III—WAGE EARNERS IN INDUSTRY (Excluding Agriculture)

By Months

Montana, 1950-1958

— Final Figures

..... Preliminary Estimates, Subject to Revision

Table 13
COVERED EMPLOYEES, WORKERS, WAGES, CONTRIBUTIONS, BENEFITS

By Industrial Classification—Fiscal 1958 and Cumulative Comparison

INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION	Average Number		Wages		Amount		Percent Benefits of Contributions	
	Employers	Workers	Gross	Taxable	Contributions	Benefits	Fiscal 1958	Fiscal 1957
Mining	448	9,019	\$ 48,503,052	\$ 28,685,115	\$ 303,407	\$ 2,294,763	756.3	99.6
Metal	100	5,965	31,435,901	18,005,860	149,564	1,902,438	1,271.9	98.8
Coal	29	202	930,142	632,679	15,008	88,839	591.9	243.6
Petroleum and Gas Products.....	279	2,299	13,383,855	8,114,836	111,439	210,351	188.8	70.0
Quarrying and Non-Metallic.....	40	553	2,753,154	1,931,740	27,396	93,135	339.9	149.9
Contract Construction	1,712	10,403	50,953,989	38,647,072	796,676	3,333,872	418.4	190.4
Building	603	3,653	16,913,501	13,322,796	296,514	1,206,214	406.8	227.3
Other Than Building.....	283	3,302	18,514,049	13,852,767	292,713	1,444,100	493.4	184.4
Special Trade	826	3,448	15,526,439	11,471,509	207,449	683,558	329.5	148.1
Manufacturing	885	20,058	94,160,866	61,846,605	692,679	2,077,096	300.0	149.8
Durable Goods	572	12,061	55,342,438	37,146,647	444,771	1,542,961	347.0	163.2
Lumber and Timber Products.....	443	6,314	27,059,719	19,395,161	291,714	1,413,662	484.6	243.4
Primary Metals	12	4,497	22,685,373	13,980,610	113,634	31,215	27.5	8.4
Other (1)	117	1,250	5,597,346	3,770,876	39,423	98,084	248.7	91.8
Non-Durable Goods	313	7,997	38,918,428	24,699,958	247,908	534,135	215.4	118.7
Food and Kindred Products.....	168	3,705	15,733,479	11,293,725	146,918	452,596	308.0	166.4
Printing and Publishing.....	107	1,589	7,358,430	4,505,091	27,782	24,150	86.9	31.6
Petroleum, Coal Products.....	9	1,611	10,157,632	5,252,531	32,890	24,143	73.4	30.7
Other (2)	29	1,092	5,568,887	3,648,611	40,318	33,246	82.4	53.0
Transportation, Communication, Utilities...	585	9,455	42,459,443	28,256,373	263,027	495,149	184.7	81.9
Transportation (Except R. R.).....	505	3,759	16,839,713	11,326,813	130,932	285,208	217.8	95.0
Telephone and Telegraph.....	26	3,040	12,537,958	8,999,329	65,136	84,934	130.3	91.0
Utilities (Public Service)	54	2,656	13,081,772	7,930,231	71,959	125,007	173.7	54.7
Trade	6,469	39,615	136,559,704	99,882,704	1,067,659	2,963,144	277.5	95.7
Wholesale	1,106	8,941	40,829,834	25,646,150	227,565	553,387	243.1	78.5
Retail	5,363	30,674	95,729,870	74,236,554	840,094	2,409,757	286.8	99.8
Gen. Mdse. and Apparel.....	597	5,920	17,848,502	14,095,216	144,180	351,519	243.8	111.1
Food Stores	693	4,799	15,200,366	11,712,320	111,877	246,620	220.4	86.1
Eating and Drinking Establishments.....	1,556	7,398	15,603,807	14,559,308	226,556	1,076,786	475.2	199.1
Auto and Filling Stations.....	1,124	6,048	23,367,350	16,851,299	172,466	335,293	194.4	32.0
Other Retail Trade.....	1,393	6,509	23,709,845	17,018,411	185,015	399,534	215.9	90.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,079	5,709	21,636,401	14,782,642	127,343	176,020	138.2	49.9
Banks and Trust Companies.....	117	2,239	9,302,241	6,300,416	37,904	51,558	136.0	37.0
Security Dealers	16	67	328,735	166,588	2,435	2,631	108.0	4.1
Finance Agencies	101	448	1,817,755	1,209,865	13,787	14,581	105.7	23.0
Insurance Carriers	108	1,043	4,599,780	2,934,435	24,135	20,834	86.3	20.0
Insurance Agents, Brokers.....	157	475	1,664,293	1,191,244	12,922	17,434	134.9	55.3
Real Estate	406	1,037	2,523,773	1,988,306	28,155	58,913	209.2	89.2
Ins., Law, Loans.....	173	398	1,388,787	980,751	7,707	10,069	130.6	57.2
Holding Companies	1	2	11,037	11,037	298	000	0.0	0.0
Service Industries	3,567	14,659	40,664,227	32,353,414	426,001	1,075,370	252.4	114.8
Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps.....	573	3,051	6,503,506	5,896,391	97,288	417,726	429.3	222.0
Personal Services	579	2,238	5,727,247	4,875,504	53,941	151,637	281.1	126.5
Business and Repair Service.....	509	1,606	6,078,107	4,584,750	51,933	108,752	209.4	85.2
Motion Pict., Amusements.....	231	1,730	2,772,807	2,392,014	34,870	87,679	251.4	129.6
Other (3)	1,675	6,034	19,582,560	14,604,755	187,969	309,576	164.6	64.7
Miscellaneous n.e.c. (4)	70	151	446,830	400,598	9,918	52,410	528.4	178.9
TOTAL—Fiscal 1958	14,815	109,069	435,384,512	304,854,523	3,691,710	12,467,824	337.7	0.0
Fiscal 1957	16,251	115,899	467,682,287	325,817,677	4,191,131	5,279,622	0.0	125.9

(1) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.

(2) Includes apparel, chemicals, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.

(3) Includes business services, medical and health services, educational institutions and agencies, commercial and trade schools, law offices and related services, other professional and social service agencies and institutions, and nonprofit membership organizations.

(4) Includes agricultural and similar service establishments, forestry, and establishments not elsewhere classified.

Table 14

COVERED EMPLOYERS, WORKERS, WAGES, CONTRIBUTIONS, BENEFITS

By Counties—Fiscal 1958

	Average Number of Covered		Wages		Employer Contribution to Fund	Benefit Checks Issued	
	Employers	Workers	Gross	Taxable		Number	Amount
Beaverhead	185	707	\$ 2,238,743	\$ 1,858,805	23,541	3,094	82,511
Big Horn	160	596	1,941,153	1,576,927	22,641	3,348	91,938
Blaine	144	556	1,787,807	1,392,155	17,523	2,934	79,704
Broadwater	58	206	565,211	478,649	6,031	1,257	34,279
Carbon	160	566	1,884,128	1,366,620	21,431	4,387	116,775
Carter	37	94	249,943	221,040	3,412	271	6,229
Cascade	1,371	13,022	54,995,835	37,504,926	435,322	42,894	1,185,549
Chouteau	130	469	1,774,584	1,387,412	21,246	1,493	38,872
Custer	319	1,966	6,742,829	5,133,283	65,829	3,209	84,907
Daniels	91	239	708,411	591,571	6,591	802	21,740
Dawson	271	1,571	5,659,762	4,325,233	70,477	3,120	82,674
Deer Lodge	263	4,795	21,216,959	13,964,541	107,668	5,674	151,423
Fallon	94	344	1,171,780	922,783	14,010	1,381	36,906
Fergus	320	1,524	5,296,279	3,967,739	49,538	5,795	158,399
Flathead	870	5,082	19,895,829	14,177,258	211,516	41,125	1,122,812
Gallatin	590	2,992	9,744,571	7,494,247	93,685	5,988	163,253
Garfield	33	90	204,069	191,858	2,302	292	7,789
Glacier	296	1,969	8,034,413	6,263,756	76,540	7,933	203,991
Golden Valley	11	18	46,507	39,730	436	276	7,266
Granite	88	347	1,132,912	832,028	11,833	1,685	45,510
Hill	364	2,061	7,267,676	5,426,467	52,402	7,881	208,441
Jefferson	89	339	1,110,779	939,096	20,795	2,639	75,954
Judith Basin	44	118	356,381	311,848	5,109	564	16,577
Lake	247	864	2,514,088	2,115,563	38,099	13,306	359,054
Lewis and Clark	733	4,993	19,284,175	13,957,436	169,261	12,822	347,928
Liberty	71	197	677,621	513,458	7,920	722	20,382
Lincoln	280	2,186	8,860,906	6,162,273	84,184	14,078	376,860
Madison	106	277	621,700	568,347	8,162	3,246	87,367
McCone	55	203	791,359	589,716	7,501	409	10,172
Meagher	64	257	742,065	669,150	13,853	1,426	38,721
Mineral	51	426	1,614,779	1,251,304	23,435	2,230	59,462
Missoula	969	7,564	29,391,808	21,302,476	267,704	29,951	812,981
Musselshell	130	593	2,195,438	1,619,044	27,766	3,702	106,812
Park	339	1,590	4,656,901	3,801,044	63,364	8,453	220,466
Petroleum	18	38	130,920	99,973	2,009	299	8,002
Phillips	136	508	1,617,783	1,346,740	22,388	2,798	73,236
Pondera	184	699	2,611,312	1,884,561	23,608	2,931	78,420
Powder River	49	143	442,321	381,644	7,399	279	7,133
Powell	132	681	2,342,556	1,815,792	19,915	2,887	82,203
Prairie	39	123	315,039	269,322	3,267	458	12,231
Ravalli	222	985	3,054,026	2,449,018	36,117	9,052	234,622
Richland	227	984	3,188,831	2,491,545	32,581	4,337	116,234
Roosevelt	249	851	2,511,989	2,083,316	27,352	4,376	115,422
Rosebud	105	441	1,368,833	1,070,333	16,838	1,908	50,233
Sanders	185	955	3,784,936	2,784,588	49,186	11,461	325,611
Sheridan	157	513	1,454,879	1,203,264	16,544	1,382	32,570
Silver Bow	1,030	11,492	50,962,280	32,215,036	309,568	62,883	1,809,946
Stillwater	100	516	2,330,122	1,349,979	19,460	1,763	48,566
Sweet Grass	78	211	495,052	444,677	4,818	757	20,841
Teton	154	513	1,751,903	1,305,907	15,207	2,728	74,546
Toole	305	1,080	3,770,710	2,757,777	34,154	4,107	108,200
Treasure	17	108	520,811	392,009	4,749	103	2,119
Valley	270	1,221	4,389,752	3,560,541	61,178	7,662	208,571
Wheatland	64	183	406,302	357,697	3,670	780	20,542
Wibaux	31	114	363,073	233,017	3,450	422	10,714
Yellowstone	1,801	15,692	67,189,442	44,024,821	531,609	33,206	894,836
Statewide	229	12,197	55,004,239	37,415,183	385,516	.....	.....
Interstate .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58,070	1,669,322
Fiscal 1958	14,815	109,069	435,384,512	304,854,523	3,691,710	453,036	12,467,825
Fiscal 1957	16,251	115,899	467,682,287	325,817,677	4,191,131	213,696	5,279,622

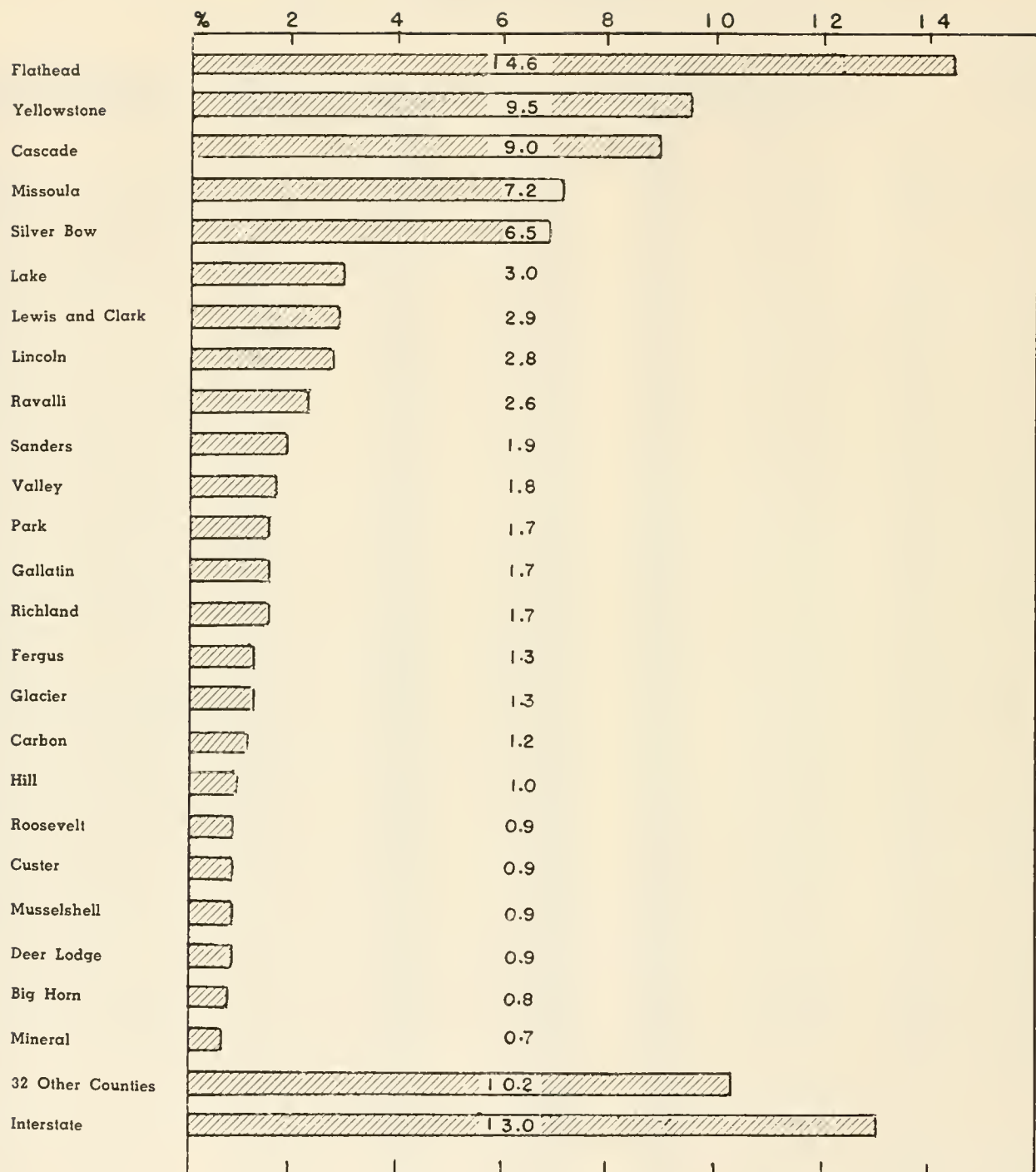


Chart IV—DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT

By Percentage and County

Montana, Fiscal 1958

Table 15
NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS BY MAJOR INDUSTRY

Rate Year 1958

	All Accounts	Total Unrated Accounts	Total Rated Accounts	TAX RATE—PERCENT												
				0.5	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.7	
All Covered Industry.....	16,274	4,639	11,635	4,620	1,433	839	1,175	323	260	170	119	103	35	41	2,517	
Mining	572	249	323	90	23	23	47	13	11	14	7	8	2	1	84	
Construction	2,115	1,070	1,045	87	89	60	98	46	41	33	41	34	9	15	492	
Food Processing	227	21	206	82	30	20	26	8	3	2	....	1	....	....	34	
Lumber & Logging.....	555	250	305	28	15	13	23	13	9	13	9	8	5	6	163	
Publ. Industries	111	7	104	72	10	3	7	3	1	1	....	1	....	....	6	
Other Mfg.	194	61	133	28	24	13	28	5	2	5	3	1	....	....	24	
Trans., Utilities	665	243	422	151	66	39	50	15	16	2	5	2	2	....	74	
Wholesale trade	1,098	223	875	466	129	67	91	19	15	8	6	4	2	2	66	
Retail trade	6,044	1,256	4,788	1,884	618	355	483	148	103	53	28	27	9	8	1,072	
Finance, Ins., Realty.....	1,096	256	840	535	99	54	53	13	17	8	5	2	....	3	51	
Service and Other.....	3,597	1,003	2,594	1,197	330	192	269	40	42	31	15	15	6	6	451	

Table 15A
TAXABLE PAYROLL BY MAJOR INDUSTRY

Rate Year 1958

	Rate Year 1958														
All Covered Industry.....	323,566,294	29,203,210	294,363,084	72,583,600	88,812,060	22,404,032	45,053,914	6,866,053	4,784,051	3,580,936	2,051,512	1,235,301	229,617	311,299	46,450,707
Mining	59,155,325	3,200,574	55,954,751	3,669,501	44,029,569	1,452,294	2,290,837	627,897	1,029,232	598,379	200,562	68,583	23,557	3,076	1,961,264
Construction	43,711,295	11,534,382	32,176,913	1,078,987	2,864,792	971,828	5,917,828	931,242	796,216	480,970	572,551	728,540	51,810	91,628	17,690,521
Food Processing	12,698,408	184,855	12,513,553	2,887,358	2,984,074	795,366	2,536,299	346,387	30,263	28,324	....	75	....	....	2,905,407
Lumber & Logging.....	20,216,276	2,381,145	17,835,131	1,515,670	1,397,762	428,773	5,328,927	824,942	1,110,709	383,716	749,434	82,594	49,920	124,963	5,837,721
Publ. Industries	4,584,280	26,233	4,558,047	3,647,301	378,524	183,914	246,873	14,045	640	1,358	....	228	....	....	85,164
Other Mfg.	11,396,970	460,779	10,936,191	3,178,385	1,360,347	273,030	4,496,618	1,079,855	15,425	65,606	28,687	6,368	....	....	431,870
Trans., Utilities	29,619,631	1,575,063	28,044,568	4,194,730	12,926,492	7,680,889	1,664,197	394,228	186,571	14,593	85,812	3,953	11,288	....	881,815
Wholesale trade	23,910,286	999,467	22,910,819	10,391,443	5,211,774	2,202,201	3,230,993	392,604	137,017	218,901	68,248	57,483	6,918	10,924	982,313
Retail trade	76,255,428	5,001,057	71,254,371	23,545,626	13,168,142	6,283,114	13,699,050	1,727,430	937,983	471,745	231,239	200,442	45,718	46,740	10,897,142
Finance, ins., realty.....	14,013,737	1,125,687	12,888,048	9,387,581	1,944,104	346,173	486,137	89,589	122,569	45,559	12,610	26,387	....	13,376	413,943
Service and Other.....	28,004,658	2,713,966	25,290,692	9,087,018	2,546,480	1,786,450	5,156,155	437,834	417,406	1,271,787	102,369	60,648	40,406	20,592	4,363,547

Table 15B
NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS BY TAXABLE PAYROLL INTERVALS

Rate Year 1958

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Table 15C
TAXABLE PAYROLL BY TAXABLE PAYROLL INTERVALS

Rate Year 1958

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Table 16
EMPLOYER ACCOUNTS AND EXPERIENCE RATING SAVINGS
1947-1958

Year	Employer Accounts				Taxable Payrolls	Taxes Paid	Taxes @2.7%	Estimated Savings	Percent Savings	Average Tax Rate
	Number	Unrated	Rated	Reduced Rate Earned						
1947	11,024	4,176	6,848	6,525	\$ 193,565,342	\$ 3,382,897	\$ 5,226,264	\$ 1,843,367	35.3	1.75
1948	12,032	4,617	7,415	6,986	224,623,487	3,914,379	6,064,834	2,150,455	35.5	1.75
1949	12,707	4,862	7,845	7,158	235,788,001	4,176,911	6,366,276	2,189,365	34.4	1.77
1950	13,377	5,182	8,195	7,149	247,973,309	4,455,262	6,695,279	2,240,017	33.5	1.79
1951	14,382	5,357	9,025	7,235	267,631,472	5,057,106	7,226,050	2,168,944	30.0	1.88
1952	14,146	4,389	9,757	7,683	286,207,288	5,340,082	7,727,597	2,387,515	30.9	1.86
1953	14,175	3,940	10,235	8,272	275,419,288	3,434,633	7,436,322	4,001,689	53.8	1.24
1954	14,588	4,080	10,508	9,076	285,208,718	3,305,829	7,700,635	4,394,806	57.1	1.16
1955	14,993	4,078	10,915	9,429	286,964,828	3,333,557	7,748,050	4,414,493	57.0	1.16
1956	15,410	4,206	11,204	9,352	299,981,788	3,656,596	8,099,508	4,442,912	54.9	1.21
1957	15,788	4,593	11,195	9,496	317,523,534	3,718,938	8,573,235	4,854,197	56.6	1.17
1958	16,257	4,632	11,625	9,887	323,323,894	3,668,094	8,729,745	5,061,651	58.0	1.13
Twelve year Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$3,244,210,949	\$47,444,284	\$87,593,795	\$40,149,411	.....	.....

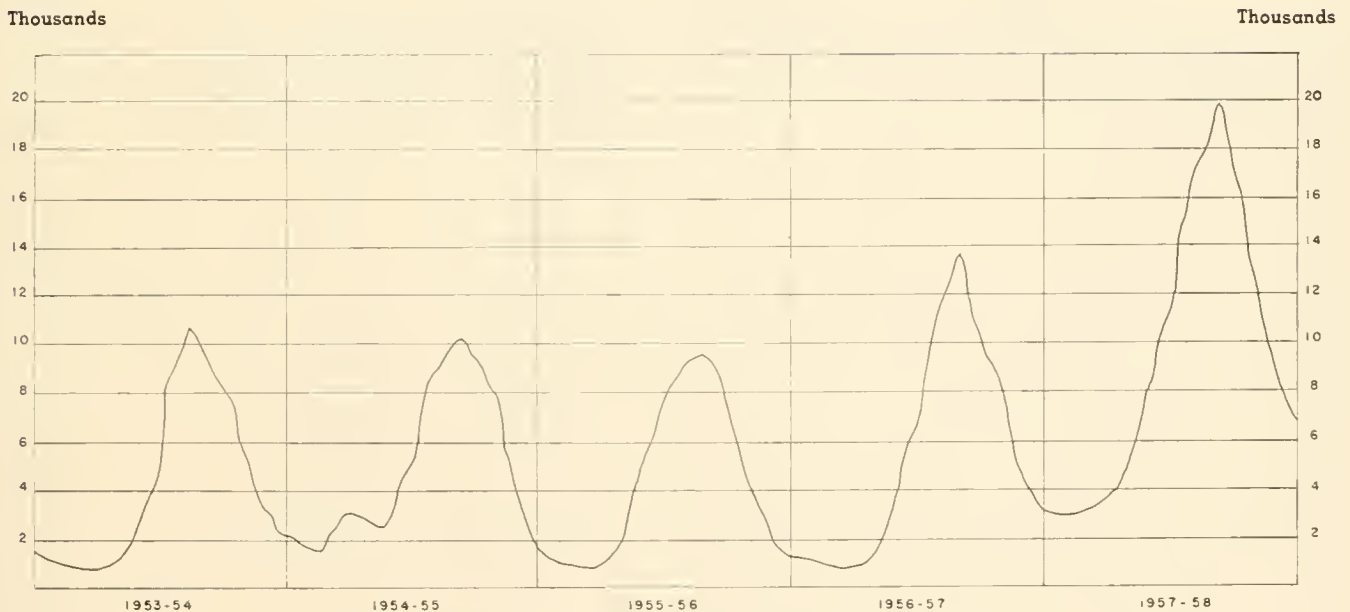


Chart V—UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS FILED
By Weeks
Montana, Fiscal Years 1954-1958

Table 17

OPERATIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TRUST FUND

Summary of Activities 1936-1958

Calendar Year	Contributions from Employers	Benefits Paid
1936	\$ 546,785.28	\$
1937	1,829,055.37	.....
1938	2,240,552.68	.....
1939	2,466,264.78	764,880.00
1940	2,788,983.74	3,147,254.07
1941	2,971,101.31	2,550,570.53
1942	3,385,457.78	1,224,808.50
1943	3,508,665.17	108,497.00
1944	3,503,985.30	96,833.00
1945	3,546,392.72	132,504.00
1946	4,360,380.18	1,089,367.03
1947	3,440,786.93	927,009.42
1948	3,915,811.11	1,270,136.78
1949	4,201,981.87	2,668,451.58
1950	4,470,674.38	4,280,255.69
1951	4,974,333.94	2,285,013.68
1952	5,369,657.62	2,155,393.44
1953	3,694,530.33	2,347,056.11
1954	3,554,300.54	3,228,006.06
1955	3,740,117.32	3,458,474.74
1956	4,104,175.24	3,747,834.95
1957	3,873,686.16	7,664,685.75
*1958	1,000,326.92	9,256,521.72
	<u>\$77,488,006.67</u>	<u>\$52,403,554.05</u>

Reconciliation

Total Contributions to June 30, 1958	\$77,488,006.67
Penalty and Interest.....	\$ 3,235.23
Buy Backs**	96,650.03
Interest On Fund.....	11,111,139.32
Federal Tax Collections.....	40,463.32
	<u>11,251,487.90</u>
	<u>\$88,739,494.57</u>
Benefits Paid to June 30, 1958.....	52,403,554.05
Balance in Fund, June 30, 1958.....	<u>\$36,335,940.52</u>

Transactions, Fiscal 1958

Balance in Fund June 30, 1957.....	\$43,718,898.82
Receipts:	
Contributions 7-1-57 to 6-30-58.....	\$ 3,812,358.48
Penalty and Interest.....	12,489.63
Interest On Fund.....	1,131,352.27
Buy Backs**	50,252.08
Title IX Funds.....	210,569.75
	<u>\$ 5,217,022.21</u>
	<u>\$48,935,921.04</u>
Disbursements:	
Benefits Paid	\$12,419,586.40
Penalty and Interest Transferred to Administration Fund.....	10,287.69
Title IX Funds.....	170,106.43
	<u>12,599,980.52</u>
Balance in Fund as of June 30, 1958	<u>\$36,335,940.52</u>

*Includes contributions for first quarter and benefits paid during first and second quarters of 1958.

**Represents voluntary Contributions by 278 Employers as provided by Section 87-109 (c) (4) of the Law.

Table 18
SUMMARY OF MONTANA UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIM ACTIVITIES

MONTH	By Months, Fiscal 1958								
	CLAIMS RECEIVED			INSURANCE PAYMENTS		WEEKLY AVERAGE		CLAIMANTS PAID	
	Initial		Continued*	Number	Amount	Benefit Amount	Number Payments	First Benefit	Maximum No. Checks
	Ineligible	Eligible							
July, 1957	133	1,504	11,970	11,376	\$ 308,116	\$27.08	2,586	1,090	194
August	112	1,300	11,774	11,574	321,432	27.77	2,631	1,249	229
September	146	1,164	13,615	11,538	323,193	28.01	2,885	1,054	297
October	262	1,865	14,917	15,768	445,078	28.23	3,428	1,554	302
November	371	2,771	24,172	23,203	649,963	28.01	5,801	2,156	344
December	522	3,585	40,022	40,094	1,128,589	28.15	9,546	3,688	691
January, 1958	999	6,859	62,610	61,765	1,736,856	28.12	14,038	6,350	957
February	542	5,053	77,090	68,281	1,897,868	27.79	17,070	5,063	754
March	391	3,548	72,787	75,819	2,109,160	27.82	18,052	4,093	1,099
April	398	2,395	67,648	61,673	1,705,649	27.66	14,017	2,639	1,385
May	178	1,419	38,367	40,548	1,095,225	26.68	9,654	1,517	1,268
June	201	1,715	30,635	28,038	746,696	26.63	6,676	1,413	1,330
Fiscal 1958	4,255	33,178	465,607	449,677	\$12,467,825	\$27.70	8,817	31,866	8,850
Fiscal 1957	4,710	21,613	240,022	211,397	\$ 5,279,622	\$24.98	4,177	18,379	3,160

*Includes pay orders and claims denied.

Table 19
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE INITIAL CLAIMS*

By Office, By Month													
Fiscal 1958													
	1957						1958						Total
	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	
Anaconda	40	39	42	84	117	107	166	131	99	125	71	105	1,126
Billings	271	232	265	341	647	605	1,383	1,005	568	545	410	439	6,711
Bozeman	15	13	22	38	130	185	223	190	144	127	53	57	1,197
Butte	837	604	742	637	650	602	736	746	522	402	333	805	7,616
Cut Bank	15	20	38	90	120	116	162	151	84	57	44	53	950
Dillon	8	23	51	58	88	68	114	80	56	36	22	20	624
Glasgow	8	17	11	40	206	202	333	178	88	72	46	69	1,270
Glendive	15	8	9	25	53	62	117	92	71	60	65	67	644
Great Falls	153	141	309	555	772	752	937	827	477	369	294	421	6,007
Hamilton	29	36	50	61	135	218	254	138	92	98	40	41	1,192
Havre	31	28	26	98	174	181	321	226	118	87	38	77	1,405
Helena	90	58	82	155	276	272	443	364	254	174	90	127	2,385
Kalispell	271	188	267	404	674	832	1,276	1,000	694	641	289	362	6,898
Lewistown	18	22	23	82	128	128	208	107	53	52	23	46	890
Livingston	33	22	48	119	234	146	276	198	140	115	72	46	1,449
Miles City	30	22	21	25	120	165	282	234	98	68	37	63	1,165
Missoula	216	296	277	330	453	565	872	667	431	466	271	284	5,128
Polson	71	55	103	144	214	266	258	176	109	137	74	66	1,673
Shelby	20	9	54	80	126	142	186	184	121	54	26	72	1,074
Sidney	16	11	19	21	47	80	130	215	52	32	14	50	687
Thompson Falls	59	61	94	145	147	243	438	207	155	138	78	113	1,883
Wolf Point	12	8	14	42	89	129	184	109	62	41	28	70	788
Fiscal 1958	2,258	1,913	2,567	3,574	5,600	6,071	9,299	7,225	4,488	3,896	2,418	3,453	52,762
Fiscal 1957	691	566	633	1,024	3,267	5,127	8,007	4,878	3,307	3,328	1,696	1,748	34,272

*Includes New and Renewal Notices of Unemployment.

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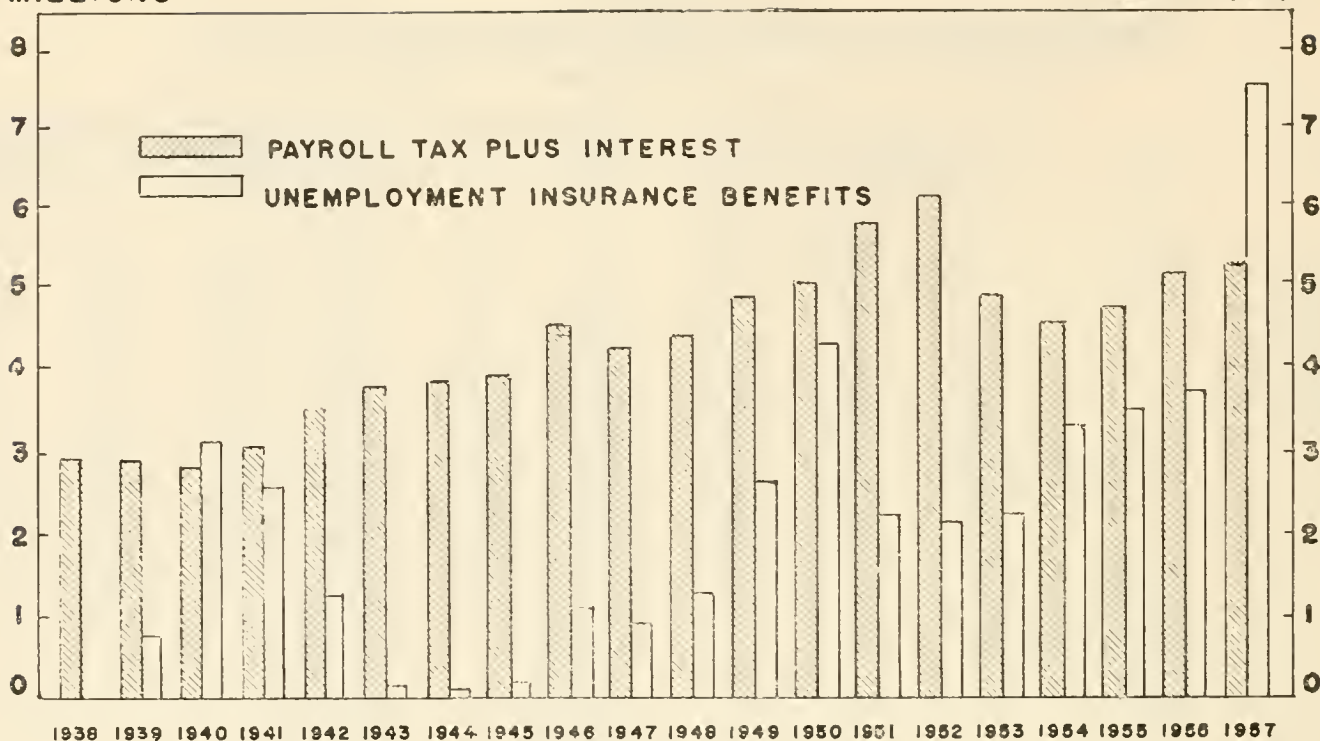


Chart VI—CONTRASTING BENEFIT PAYMENTS WITH FUND INCOME

Unemployment Insurance

Montana, 1938-1957

Table 20

TAX RATES, PAYROLLS, CONTRIBUTIONS, SAVINGS

Experience Rating Array—Calendar 1958

Tax Rate %	No. of Firms	1957 Taxable Payrolls	Potential Contribution	Tax @ 2.7%	Savings	Percent Savings
0.5	4,618	\$ 72,547,911	\$ 362,740	\$1,958,794	\$1,596,054	81.5
0.7	1,427	88,800,681	621,605	2,397,618	1,776,013	74.1
0.9	838	22,352,146	201,169	603,508	402,339	66.7
1.1	1,634	62,168,949	683,858	1,678,562	994,704	59.3
1.3	461	10,533,445	136,935	284,403	147,468	51.9
1.5	318	5,580,860	83,713	150,683	66,970	44.4
1.7	208	4,247,899	72,214	114,693	42,479	37.0
1.9	146	2,552,080	48,490	68,906	20,416	29.6
2.1	138	2,118,969	44,498	57,212	12,714	22.2
2.3	39	251,895	5,794	6,801	1,007	14.8
2.5	60	743,200	18,580	20,066	1,486	7.4
2.7 (1)	1,738	22,172,707	598,663	598,663	.....	.....
2.7 (2)	4,632	29,253,152	789,835	789,835	.....	.....
1958	16,257	\$323,323,894	\$3,668,094	\$8,729,744	\$5,061,650	58.0
1957	15,788	\$317,523,534	\$3,718,938	\$8,573,235	\$4,854,197	56.6

(1) Contributions less than benefits.

(2) Less than five years of contributions.

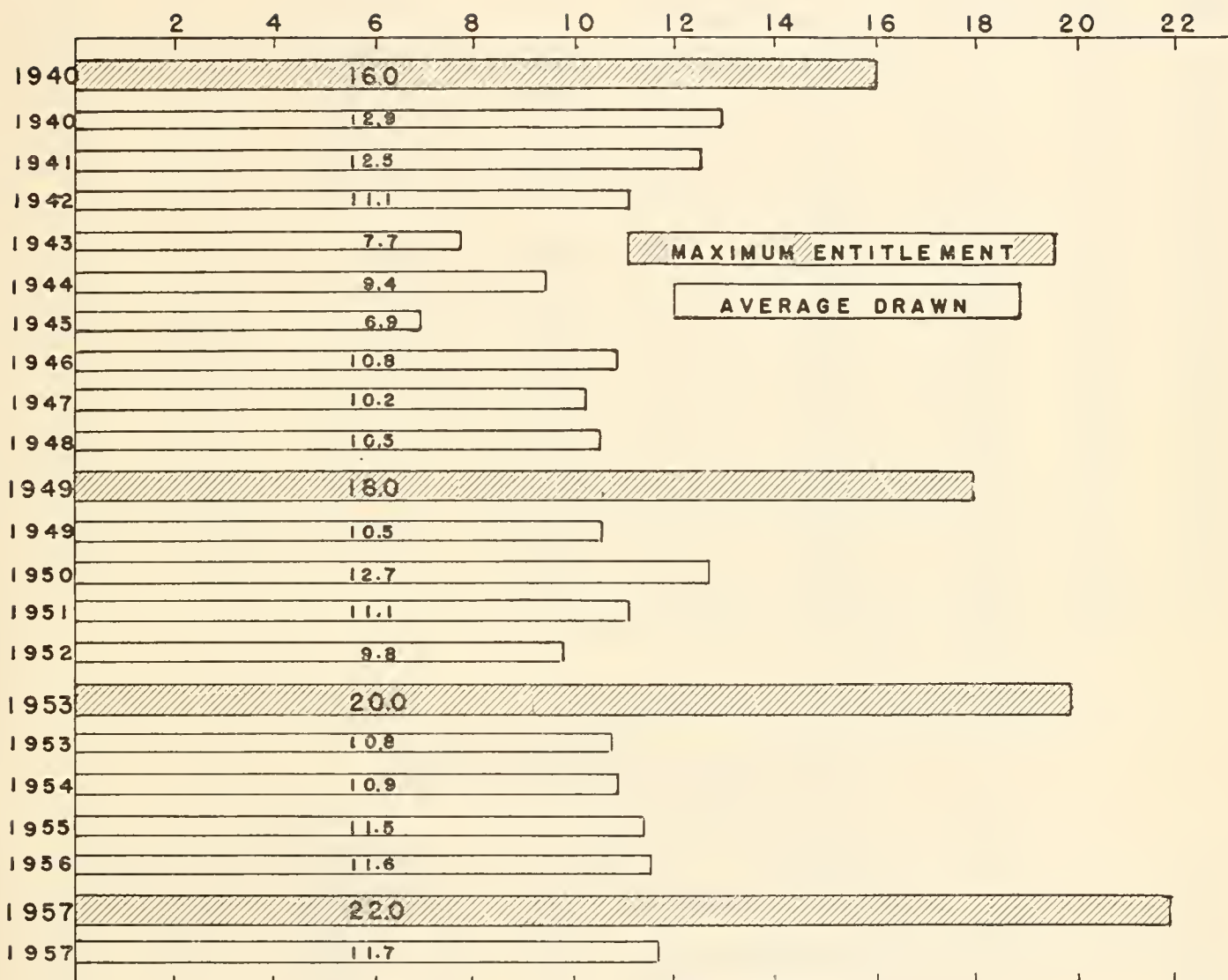


Chart VII—WEEKS OF INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

Montana, 1940-1957

Contrasting Maximum Entitlement With Average Number of Insurance Payments Made to Claimants

Table 21

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENT

By Weekly Amount

Calendar 1957

Weekly Benefit Amount	CHECKS ISSUED		BENEFITS PAID	
	Number	Percentage	Amount	Percentage
\$10.00	2,238	0.74	\$ 22,380	0.28
11.00	2,519	0.83	27,709	0.35
12.00	4,011	1.33	48,132	0.61
13.00	3,814	1.26	49,582	0.62
14.00	4,799	1.58	67,186	0.85
15.00	5,164	1.71	77,460	0.98
16.00	5,010	1.65	80,160	1.01
17.00	5,592	1.85	95,064	1.20
18.00	5,811	1.92	104,598	1.32
19.00	6,054	2.00	115,026	1.45
20.00	6,308	2.08	126,160	1.59
21.00	6,529	2.16	137,109	1.73
22.00	6,651	2.20	146,342	1.84
23.00	7,387	2.44	169,901	2.14
24.00	6,881	2.27	165,144	2.08
25.00	7,433	2.46	185,825	2.34
26.00	90,646	29.95	2,356,796	29.70
27.00	5,150	1.70	139,050	1.75
28.00	4,331	1.43	121,268	1.53
29.00	3,905	1.29	113,245	1.43
30.00	4,280	1.41	128,400	1.62
31.00	3,547	1.17	109,957	1.38
32.00	104,646	34.57	3,348,672	42.20
1957	302,706	100.00	\$7,935,166	100.00
1956	166,756	100.00	\$3,919,151	100.00

Table 22

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS

By Months, Fiscal 1958

MONTH 1957	Intrastate (Montana)	Interstate (IB)	Total
July	\$ 273,845	\$ 34,271	\$ 308,116
August	284,262	37,170	321,432
September	282,923	40,270	323,193
October	388,793	56,285	445,078
November	563,232	86,731	649,963
December	965,262	163,327	1,128,589
1958			
January	1,495,334	241,522	1,736,856
February	1,633,068	264,800	1,897,868
March	1,848,477	260,683	2,109,160
April	1,468,549	237,100	1,705,649
May	940,734	154,491	1,095,225
June	654,024	92,672	746,696
Fiscal 1958	\$10,798,503	\$ 1,669,322	\$12,467,825
Fiscal 1957	\$ 4,673,170	\$ 606,452	\$ 5,279,622

Table 23

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PAYMENTS

By Month and Sex—Fiscal 1958 and 1957

Month	Number of Weekly Payments				Amount			
	1958		1957		1958		1957	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
July	7,027	4,349	1,964	1,918	\$ 202,424	\$ 105,692	\$ 48,284	\$ 41,380
August	8,131	3,443	1,505	1,547	240,689	80,743	35,602	33,017
September	8,457	3,081	1,221	1,073	250,376	72,817	29,693	23,109
October	11,440	4,328	1,341	1,355	342,536	102,542	32,501	28,862
November	17,506	5,697	3,634	2,135	516,892	133,071	88,109	44,593
December	32,525	7,569	11,715	3,077	953,976	174,613	277,027	75,676
January	50,761	11,004	23,486	4,804	1,483,643	253,213	591,294	89,845
February	55,163	13,118	31,494	6,718	1,601,880	295,988	778,302	139,095
March	61,028	14,791	33,838	7,525	1,775,318	333,842	835,167	154,558
April	51,245	10,428	27,109	7,026	1,470,717	234,932	764,659	156,682
May	29,465	11,083	17,647	6,398	846,199	249,026	518,157	146,739
June	18,810	9,228	8,665	4,202	537,342	209,354	250,068	97,203
Totals	351,558	98,119	163,619	47,778	\$10,221,992	\$ 2,245,833	\$ 4,248,863	\$ 1,030,759
Average Weekly Benefit Amount.....					\$ 29.08	\$ 22.89	\$ 25.97	\$ 21.57

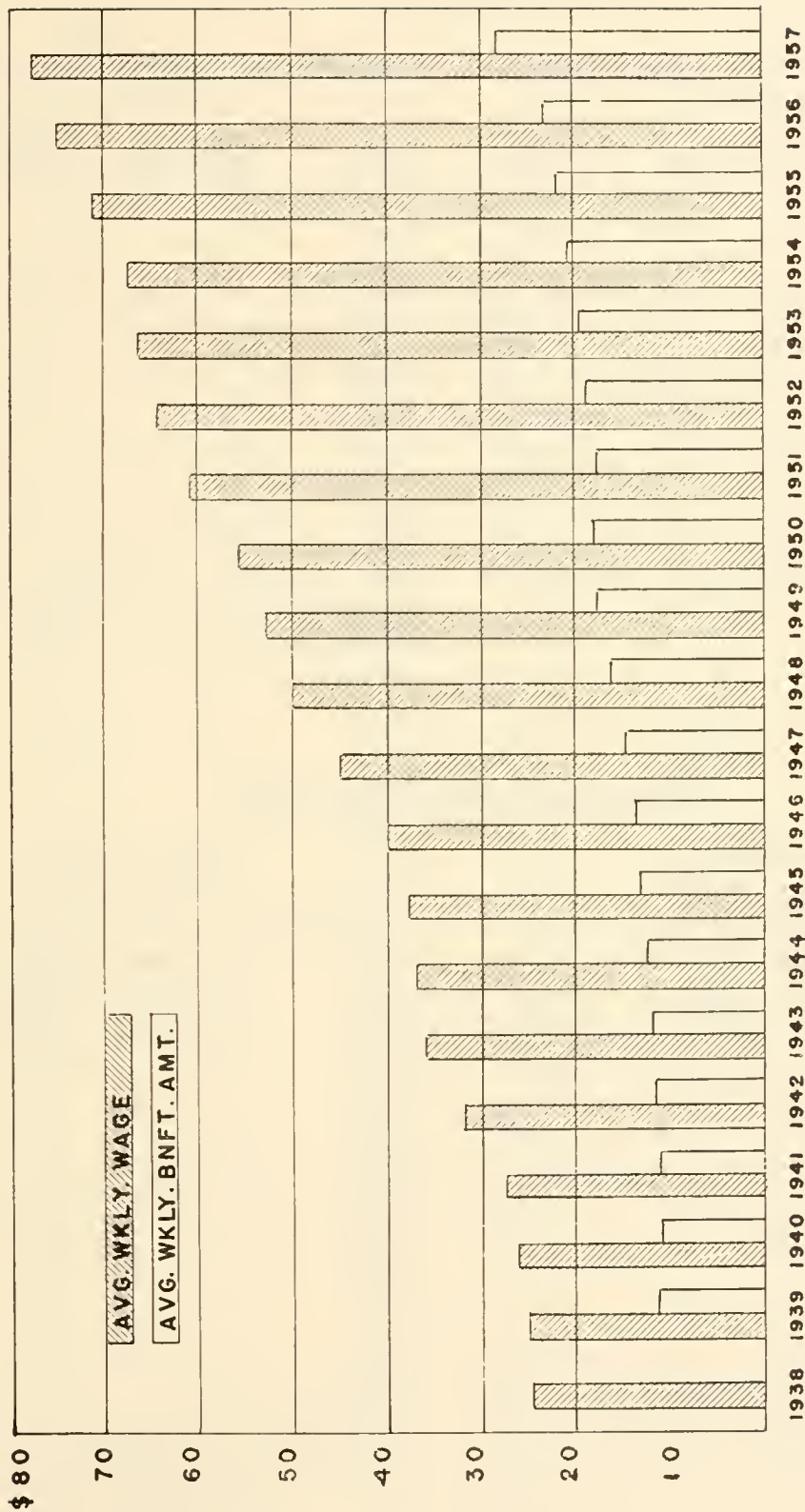


Chart VIII—RELATING AVERAGES OF WEEKLY WAGE WITH WEEKLY BENEFIT

Montana, 1938-1957

Table 24
INTERSTATE CLAIM ACTIVITIES

A—Agent

(UI Claims by months against other states, taken in Montana offices)

Fiscal 1958 and 1957

MONTH—	INITIAL (1)		CONTINUED (2)		TOTAL	
	57-58	56-57	57-58	56-57	57-58	56-57
July	171	107	553	379	724	486
August	147	89	599	352	746	441
September	197	101	752	354	949	455
October	298	138	874	442	1,172	580
November	523	376	1,552	755	2,075	1,131
December	463	484	2,472	1,585	2,935	2,060
January	671	600	3,751	3,126	4,422	3,726
February	468	373	4,072	3,151	4,540	3,524
March	340	240	3,498	2,825	3,838	3,065
April	312	221	3,506	2,004	3,820	2,225
May	239	131	2,143	1,132	2,442	1,263
June	314	124	1,918	827	2,232	751
Totals	4,203	2,984	25,692	16,732	29,895	19,716

B—Liable

(UI Claims by months against Montana, received from other states)

Fiscal 1958 and 1957

MONTH	INITIAL (1)		CONTINUED (2)		TOTAL	
	57-58	56-57	57-58	56-57	57-58	56-57
July	309	131	1,220	566	1,529	697
August	382	123	1,412	523	1,794	646
September	375	140	1,486	493	1,861	633
October	712	250	1,966	590	2,678	840
November	1,035	502	3,469	1,222	4,504	1,724
December	1,187	740	6,328	2,655	7,515	3,395
January	1,394	855	9,118	4,165	10,512	5,020
February	883	605	9,365	4,598	10,248	5,203
March	824	455	9,678	4,434	10,502	4,889
April	599	398	7,271	3,599	7,870	3,997
May	470	273	4,988	2,299	5,458	2,572
June	465	191	3,684	1,266	4,149	1,457
Totals	8,635	4,663	59,985	26,410	68,620	31,073

(1) Includes renewals and claims determined as ineligible.

(2) Includes pay claims, waiting weeks, and claims denied.

Table 25
ACTIVITIES IN SPECIAL PROGRAMS

War Service Veterans

UCV

Unemployment Compensation for Veterans

By Months—Fiscal 1958

MONTH	Intrastate		Interstate		Total	
	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.
1957						
July	310	\$ 6,487	1	\$ 4	311	\$ 6,491
August	289	5,557	15	114	304	5,671
September	249	5,166	14	107	263	5,273
October	333	6,779	2	14	335	6,793
November	597	11,876	18	109	615	11,985
December	1,227	24,899	22	174	1,249	25,073
1958						
January	1,942	39,219	44	393	1,986	39,612
February	2,419	48,101	63	565	2,482	48,666
March	2,872	59,045	86	497	2,958	59,542
April	2,416	51,046	115	692	2,531	51,738
May	1,581	32,980	97	689	1,678	33,669
June	1,102	24,937	44	333	1,146	25,270
Fiscal 1958	15,337	\$316,092	521	\$3,691	15,858	\$319,783
Fiscal 1957	10,529	\$233,746	178	\$1,423	10,707	\$235,169

Federal Wage Earners

UCFE

Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees

By Months—Fiscal 1958

MONTH	Intrastate		Interstate		Total	
	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.
1957						
July	273	\$ 6,922	32	\$ 896	305	\$ 7,818
August	307	7,582	15	332	322	7,914
September	251	6,656	17	438	268	7,094
October	492	12,707	46	1,334	538	14,041
November	672	17,424	48	1,346	720	18,770
December	1,250	34,116	123	3,702	1,373	37,818
1958						
January	2,106	56,493	152	4,107	2,258	60,600
February	2,579	67,075	183	5,211	2,762	72,286
March	3,010	79,160	288	7,573	3,298	86,733
April	2,169	56,662	185	4,957	2,354	61,619
May	1,407	35,458	141	3,916	1,548	39,374
June	807	20,048	81	2,306	888	22,354
Fiscal 1958	15,323	\$400,303	1,311	\$36,118	16,634	\$436,421
Fiscal 1957	8,696	\$210,273	616	\$16,552	9,312	\$226,825

Table 26
INTERSTATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS, UI, UCV, UCFE
 By States—Fiscal 1958

Claims Forwarded From	Montana UI	*UCV	**UCFE	Total
Alabama	\$ 10,141.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 704.00	\$ 10,876.00
Arizona	64,650.59	1.00	1,626.00	66,277.59
Arkansas	16,052.00	.....	.....	16,052.00
California	173,230.79	377.00	1,931.00	175,538.79
Colorado	34,227.00	60.00	.....	34,287.00
Connecticut	1,067.34	.....	.....	1,067.34
Delaware	202.00	.....	.....	202.00
Florida	6,884.00	44.00	1,291.00	8,219.00
Georgia	4,043.00	.....	.....	4,043.00
Idaho	220,787.30	467.00	8,717.00	229,971.30
Illinois	16,379.04	100.00	64.00	16,543.04
Indiana	7,456.00	.....	672.00	8,128.00
Iowa	11,324.00	.....	352.00	11,676.00
Kansas	5,001.00	36.00	255.00	5,292.00
Kentucky	8,284.00	26.00	.....	8,310.00
Louisiana	2,214.00	.....	.....	2,214.00
Maine	514.00	.....	.....	514.00
Maryland	416.00	.....	.....	416.00
Massachusetts	1,065.60	.....	.....	1,065.60
Michigan	25,204.00	.....	.....	25,204.00
Minnesota	126,811.31	158.00	1,456.00	128,425.31
Mississippi	4,883.00	.....	81.00	4,964.00
Missouri	22,217.00	63.00	1,344.00	23,624.00
Nebraska	11,997.00	154.00	672.00	12,823.00
Nevada	25,207.21	.....	416.00	25,623.21
New Hampshire .....	.....	.....	830.00	830.00
New Jersey	2,403.00	.....	186.00	2,589.00
New Mexico	46,543.00	.....	448.00	46,991.00
New York	5,850.42	.....	160.00	6,010.42
North Carolina	3,889.00	.....	.....	3,889.00
North Dakota	130,505.21	108.00	1,188.00	131,801.21
Ohio	9,408.35	.....	208.00	9,616.35
Oklahoma	20,996.00	78.00	2,560.00	23,634.00
Oregon	93,786.91	405.00	2,334.00	96,525.91
Pennsylvania	7,516.00	44.00	192.00	7,752.00
Rhode Island	1,466.00	.....	.....	1,466.00
South Carolina	1,729.00	.....	.....	1,729.00
South Dakota	42,519.13	221.00	197.00	42,937.13
Tennessee	6,456.00	147.00	.....	6,603.00
Texas	20,993.00	9.00	416.00	21,418.00
Utah	44,786.59	197.00	704.00	45,687.59
Vermont	512.57	.....	.....	512.57
Virginia	6,572.42	52.00	.....	6,624.42
Washington	313,866.76	647.00	4,662.00	319,175.76
West Virginia	13,318.04	.....	.....	13,318.04
Wisconsin	15,653.10	204.00	1,528.00	17,385.10
Wyoming	66,270.71	62.00	437.00	66,769.71
Alaska	8,994.00	.....	.....	8,994.00
District of Columbia	366.00	.....	.....	366.00
Hawaii	571.00	.....	391.00	962.00
Canada	4,091.00	.....	.....	4,091.00
Fiscal 1958	\$1,669,321.39	\$ 3,691.00	\$ 36,022.00	\$1,709,034.39
Fiscal 1957	\$ 606,452.52	\$ 1,423.00	\$ 16,204.00	\$ 624,079.52

*Unemployment Compensation for Veterans.

**Unemployment Compensation for Federal Employees.

Table 27
DISQUALIFICATIONS, POSTPONEMENTS, ISSUES, AND APPEALS, FISCAL 1958

ISSUE	Issues Raised			Appeals				Reheard by Commission		
	Number	Dis-qualified	Found Eligible	Number	Decision		Appeal	Number	Appeal	Decision
Involving UI Claims					Rev.	Sust.	Withdrawn		Rev.	Sust.
Not able or not available.....	2,102	969	1,133	110	27	62	21	6	1	5
Voluntary Quit	5,908	2,612	3,296	74	26	38	10	3	1	2
Misconduct	1,878	1,312	566	47	17	27	3	6	0	6
Refusal of suitable work.....	448	274	174	22	4	12	6	0	0	0
Pregnancy	475	473	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receiving other benefits.....	79	77	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Labor dispute	48	40	8	4	0	4	0	3	1	2
Quit to be married.....	93	86	7	6	3	3	0	0	0	0
Quit to follow husband.....	49	1	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wage Credits				11	1	8	2	0	0	0
Chargebacks				10	2	7	1	1	0	1
Benefits exhausted				3	0	1	2	0	0	0
Untimely Appeal				2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Total UI	11,080	5,844	5,236	291	80	163	48	19	3	16
Involving UCV Claims										
Not able or not available.....	32	23	9	0	0	0	0			
Voluntary Quit	122	78	44	0	0	0	0			
Misconduct	31	17	14	0	0	0	0			
Refusal of suitable work.....	9	7	2	0	0	0	0			
Involving UI Claims										
Pregnancy	3	3	0	0	0	0	0			
Labor Dispute	1	0	1	0	0	0	0			
Receiving other benefits.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Total UCV	199	129	70	0	0	0	0			
Involving UCFE Claims										
Not able or not available.....	76	36	40	1	0	1	0			
Voluntary Quit	163	85	78	0	0	0	0			
Misconduct	15	12	3	1	1	0	0			
Refusal of suitable work.....	12	6	6	1	0	1	0			
Pregnancy	15	14	1	0	0	0	0			
Receiving other benefits.....	67	67	0	0	0	0	0			
Quit to be married	1	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Quit to follow husband.....	4	0	4	0	0	0	0			
Total UCFE	353	221	132	3	1	2	0			
Grand Total	11,632	6,194	5,438	294	81	165	48	19	3	16
Appeals										
By Claimant				148	44	104	0	18	3	15
By Employer				98	37	61	0	1	0	1
Withdrawn				48	0	0	48	0	0	0

Table 28

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year 1958 With 1957 Comparisons

Expended For	Fiscal 1957	Fiscal 1958
Personal Services	\$ 941,926.68	\$1,029,339.16
Supplies	41,727.97	60,210.82
Rent of Premises.....	60,736.12	68,360.47
Equipment Purchases	30,291.30	43,551.50
Communications	28,615.84	34,570.85
Travel	47,062.93	46,542.79
Printing and Binding.....	3,134.58	3,159.64
Equipment Rentals	19,669.24	22,672.67
Equipment Repairs	2,651.68	3,261.29
Repair of Premises.....	1,160.56	4,160.00
Heat, Light and Water.....	4,756.03	6,199.24
Share Merit System Expense	7,872.43	7,959.30
Industrial Accident Expense.....	2,541.23	5,375.72
Public Retirement System.....	30,550.05	33,470.65
Social Security	19,295.55	20,790.65
Freight, Express and Drayage.....	1,723.59	4,069.76
Bonding and Insurance.....	218.52	803.08
Court Costs	1,740.19	715.83
Mail Service, P. O. Box Rentals.....	1,219.81	870.93
Interest and Special Improvement Taxes	1,494.20	*3,120.61
Other Current Expenses.....	2,094.92	**2,812.39
Total	\$1,250,483.42	\$1,402,017.34

*Interest on Local Office Building contracts plus \$137.50 Special Improvement Taxes.

**Includes necessary miscellaneous expenses, such as: Itinerant service rentals, experience rating, advertising signs, engraving and facsimiles, and other.

Table 29

OVERPAYMENTS AND RECOVERIES

INSURANCE BENEFITS

	Fiscal 1958					
	UI		UCV		UCFE	
	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.	No.	Amt.
Overpayments						
Willful misrepresentation..	123	\$ 5,765.00	2	\$ 198.00	0	\$ 0
Other	683	29,630.00	67	2,537.00	21	1,482.00
Total	806	\$35,395.00	69	\$2,735.00	21	\$1,482.00
Recoveries (1)						
Willful misrepresentation..		\$ 5,230.50		\$ 179.00		\$ 0
Other		23,410.31		1,298.00		878.00
Total		\$28,640.81		\$1,477.00		\$ 878.00
(1) Includes recovery of carry-over items from preceding fiscal year.						
Enforcement Action				UI	UCFE-UCV (No. UI)	
Pending July 1, 1957.....				45	2	
Prosecution Recommended ..				260	6	
Total				305	8	
Refusal to prosecute and dismissal.....				151	2	
Acquittal				1	0	
Conviction				99	3	
Pending June 30, 1958.....				54	3	
Total				305	8	

Table 30
PROSECUTION OF WILFUL MISREPRESENTATION BY CLAIMANTS FOR BENEFITS
By Calendar Year

Counties	1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957	
	PR	C	PR	C	PR	C	PR	C	PR	C	PR*	C**
Beaverhead	0	0	6	1	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
Big Horn	2	0	2	2	7	4	1	1	5	4	0	0
Blaine	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	0
Broadwater	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Carbon	1	0	2	2	1	1	5	2	2	2	1	1
Carter	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cascade	20	6	37	6	39	5	23	11	13	6	11	3
Chouteau	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Custer	2	2	5	5	4	2	5	4	5	1	3	0
Daniels	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1
Dawson	0	0	3	0	4	0	8	5	10	7	3	2
Deer Lodge	1	0	6	3	1	1	9	6	7	0	1	0
Fallon	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	2
Fergus	3	1	11	6	8	4	6	2	13	4	3	1
Flathead	10	2	56	45	46	29	17	8	42	27	31	1
Gallatin	1	0	4	1	6	1	6	0	13	4	7	1
Garfield	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Glacier	2	1	4	4	1	1	7	1	4	3	5	3
Golden Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Granite	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
Hill	1	0	4	2	6	2	5	4	13	7	3	2
Jefferson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Judith Basin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	5	1	10	9	8	5	4	2	12	8	8	3
Lewis and Clark	6	1	17	3	22	4	25	1	33	8	14	2
Liberty	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
Lincoln	3	1	6	5	4	1	4	3	9	8	15	10
Madison	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
McCone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meagher	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mineral	1	0	3	1	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0
Missoula	12	1	32	14	25	11	16	5	37	20	12	10
Musselshell	0	0	2	1	7	2	16	6	11	9	1	1
Park	1	0	1	0	7	1	9	2	10	2	6	2
Petroleum	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pondera	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	0
Powder River	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powell	0	0	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	2	1
Prairie	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Ravalli	2	0	6	4	3	1	6	4	1	1	6	3
Richland	1	0	9	4	3	3	4	1	3	2	2	2
Roosevelt	0	0	7	4	2	1	1	0	3	1	2	1
Rosebud	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Sanders	2	2	2	2	10	6	5	2	5	4	4	1
Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0
Silver Bow	3	0	8	0	25	0	29	9	8	3	27	1
Stillwater	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	1	2	1	0	0
Sweet Grass	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Teton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Toole	0	0	2	0	3	2	5	1	1	1	5	2
Treasure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	1
Wheatland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Wibaux	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
Yellowstone	9	2	46	32	32	22	24	13	48	38	30	20
STATEWIDE TOTALS	92	20	308	166	298	119	258	104	341	187	221	80

Pr—Prosecutions Recommended.

C—Convictions.

***Prosecutions Recommended" as used above include all cases which the Commission recommended to the county attorney for prosecution.

**Some convictions shown above resulted from prosecutions recommended the previous year.

